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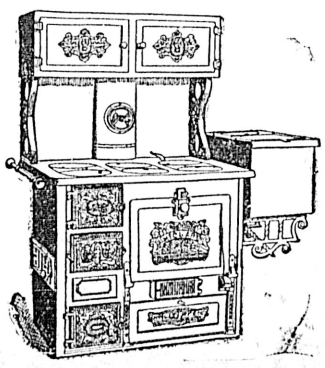

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WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C.M.C.

December 7th, 1896. de8

Victoria Building Society.

The 55th Drawing for an Appropriation in connection with the above society will be held at Sir William Wallace Hall, Broad street, on Saturday, the 12th of December, 1896, at 8 p.m. See that your shares are in good standing.

By order.
A. ST. G. FLINT, Secretary.

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A SPANISH REPORT.

Antonio Maceo Said to Have Lost His Life in Crossing the Trocha.

HAVANA, Dec. 8.—It is stated in most positive terms by the Spanish authorities that Antonio Maceo, the great insurgent leader, and the heart and soul of the Cuban cause, has been killed in the province of Havana, after having effected the passage of the western trocha near Mariel at its north extremity. With the Cuban leader died Francisco Gomez, son of Maximo Gomez, who accompanied the mulatto general on his passage of the trocha. The most explicit details of the finding of the corpse of the fallen leader of the Cubans and of the facts relied upon for its identification are at hand through the report of the Spanish commander, Major Cirujada, who contested the passing of the trocha unsuccessfully on December 4 (last Friday), with Maceo, and who sustained another conflict yesterday with the forces under the insurgent leader.

CARLISLE'S ESTIMATES.

Appropriations Required for the Different U. S. Services for the Fiscal Year.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Secretary Carlisle has transmitted to the speaker of the house estimates of the appropriations required for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1896. They are retabulated by titles, as follows:

Legislative establishment, $4,379,820; executive establishment, $19,865,952; judicial establishment, $907,120; foreign intercourse, $2,082,728; military establishment, $24,292,636; naval establishment, $32,434,773; Indian affairs, $7,279,525; pensions, $141,328,580; public works, $31,437,061; postal service, $1,288,334; miscellaneous, $36,344,216; permanent annual appropriations, $120,078,220; total, $421,718,965.

The estimates for the present fiscal year amounted to $418,091,073. Appropriations, including deficiencies and miscellaneous, amounted to $432,421,650.

Buy air-tight heaters at Cheapside. x

CLEVELAND'S MESSAGE.

Opinions of the London and Continental Press—The Cuban Question.

Coates Thread Company Absorbing Rival Interests—Important Strike On the Clyde.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—All the newspapers this morning have editorials on President Cleveland's Message. Most of them regard the Message as of rather minor importance except so far as concerns the Cuban question to which phase the bulk of the comment is devoted.

The Pall Mall Gazette, this afternoon, commenting upon President Gleveland's message to congress, says: "There is nothing in the message unsatisfactory to Great Britain. As far as Cuba is concerned, President Cleveland is neither diplomatic nor politic. His language pleases neither Spain nor the insurgents."

The Globe sees in the message "Monroeism thrusting itself forward in the usual menacing fashion," and doubts that Mr. McKinley will be grateful to his predecessor for bequeathing him the task of bullying Spain."

The St. James Gazette contrasts the "polite, cautious tone" of the message with the mandatory message of a year ago on a similar topic, and says: "The conditions in Cuba undoubtedly give the United States the right to call upon Spain to enforce her authority speedily or acknowledge her inability to suppress anarchy, or be depraved of her right to be considered as governing the island."

The Daily News, Liberal organ, says of the Cuban portion of the message: "President Cleveland's argument is clear enough that no country possesses the right to foster a perpetual source of trouble, and Spain must either grant autonomy or sell. Spain, however, will probably refuse to do anything of the kind. She will be disposed to insist upon the right to 'wallop her own niggers.' Being very sensitive just now on the subject of the Monroe doctrine, Spain will probably be influentially supported if she holds out. We hope she will not prevail because autonomy is best for Cuba and best for Spain."

The editorial in the Times says: "The tone and spirit of the message are worthy of all praise. It is a pity that the moderation and balance of mind which Mr. Cleveland has just displayed were not more conspicuous last year when he startled two continents by a menace of war. If the Venezuelan question had been handled as Mr. Cleveland handles the Cuban question he might have averted a disruption of Democracy and have kept Bryan and Bryanism in obscurity.

"The President's message gives the soundest advice in most unobjectionable language, nor can the least complaint be made of the character of the warning addressed to Spain. It is not improbable that Spain will take offence, but clearly Mr. Cleveland is actuated by friendly feelings, and Spain will do well to acquiesce, otherwise the way will be clear for the influences represented by Mr. Call's resolution in the senate yesterday. If Spain closed now with Mr. Cleveland's overtures, it would be difficult for the McKinley administration to steer a new course."

The Standard says it thinks that Spain had better accept Mr. Cleveland's friendly counsel, as Mr. McKinley is not likely to be less exacting than Mr. Cleveland. "The Monroe doctrine," says the Standard, "is making great strides. It is a large bold policy, not quite free from danger. Fortunately, as far as England is concerned, the prospects of the arbitration treaty make the risks of trouble small. Altogether it is a dignified and able message.

There is a keen feeling of disappointment in the City of Mexico at the fact that President Cleveland could not see his way to recognizing the beligerency of the Cubans, for Mexican sympathy is undoubtedly with them, and the most of Latin-Americans, with the possible exception of Chili, is ready to follow the lead of the great republic. It is said Mr. McKinley will take a more generous attitude.

Of the proposed Cuban settlement, the Chronicle says: "We believe the time has passed when the Cuban insurgents will accept any solution placing Spanish officials over them even nominally. There is no mistake, however, about the warning President Cleveland addresses to Spain, and Spanish statesmen should be aware that the Democratic government is far more pacific and conservative in its foreign policy than the coming Republican government is likely to be. Spain has to face a humiliating dilemma, but she could not fight the United States for 24 hours."

The Chronicle, Liberal, in common with other papers, congratulates both countries on the prospect of the adoption of an arbitration treaty. It says: "It is clear that the Cleveland administration means to conclude this great reform before resigning office."

Le Temps, of Paris, says that President Cleveland "worthily crowns his international administration, which bore the stamp of honesty," and adds: "Reference to Cuba, however, will satisfy neither side, and we doubt the efficacy of his offer to guarantee the autonomy of Cuba. Spain will not think of agreeing to an arrangement making the United State the sovereign power in Cuba while the rebels want independence or American annexation. President Cleveland risks displeasing everybody. The Venezuelan arrangement, however, giving unexpected recognition to Monroeism is a triumph for President Cleveland."

The Cologne Gazette, discussing the President's message to congress, says: "President Clevelnnd has not allowed himself to be carried away by the prevailing opinions of the Americans. What he suggests is perfectly correct and compatible with the honor of Spain. May the President's well meant proposal meet with approval in Spain before there is a change of government in the United States! Perhaps with this favorable situation there may be an agreement reached with the powerful States which will pacify Cuba'.'

Coates' Thread Co., which on June 24, after becoming amalgamated with the Clark Co., also amalgamated with Jonas Brooks & Bros., and James Chadwick & Bros., and announced that the Coates' Co., would raise its total nominal capital from £5,570,000 pounds to £7,500,000, has now absorbed the thread mills of Finlayson, Bousefield & Co., and Scott & Co., and is also negotiating with the Knoxes for their factories in Scotland and America.

The officers of the ministry of marine deny that a Spanish warship has been sent to Valencia to assist the authorities in preserving order on account of the excitement aroused by the approaching arrival there from Messina, Italy, of the American steamship Laurada.

This morning at an early hour Lasker and Steinitz drew the eighth game, a Ruy Lopez by the former, after 55 moves. The present score is: Lasker, 5; Steinitz, 0; drawn, 3.

The strike of Clyde seamen and firemen is extending and a determined effort is promised for Thursday to block the sailings of the Anchor and Allan steamships.

One hundred constables raided the Battenberg Club on Goswell road, at an early hour on Sunday morning, and arrested 150 persons, including many women.

It is expected the French government will consent to naval credits to the amount of $30,000,000.

DYNAMITE PLOT.

Fiendish Attempt to Blow Three Well Known Citizens Into Eternity.

MOUNT VERNON, Dec. 8.—A fiendish attempt at murder, unprecedented in the criminal annals of Skagit county, was made a few miles from here on Friday night, when some unknown fiends endeavored to blow three citizens of Paine into eternity by the aid of dynamite. The explosion occurred at the shingle mill of the La Plant brothers, situated on the line of the Seattle & International railway. Two brothers, J. C. and C. L. La Plant, and the engineer of the mill, L. D. Waters, occupied the same room in a small building adjoining the mill. Shortly after midnight they were aroused by a deafening report, which seemed to issue from the floor beneath them, and before either could jump from the bed they felt themselves being suddenly lifted into the air. This sensation was followed by a sinking feeling, and in another second the three were hurled to the floor, though neither was spilled from their beds, which had been lifted into the air and dashed to the floor without turning over, thus saving the occupants from serious injury.

The building, however, was completely wrecked, the beds having fallen through the floor with the mass of debris into which the building had been converted. Extracting themselves from the chaotic pile of lumber and household fixtures, the three proceeded to a neighbor's house, located about a quarter of a mile from the mill. Beyond a few bruises and the effects of having been stunned by the force of the concussion, the men were uninjured.

The force of the explosion was terrific, and it is little short of a miracle that the occupants of the house were not killed outright, as the building was a complete wreck, the timbers being converted into kindling wood, and the bedding and the clothing that was hanging on the walls being torn to shreds. Under the building, almost in the centre, was a large hole in the ground, made by the force of the explosion.

The supposition is that the dynamite was placed in a bag, and then set under the house, after which the fuse was ignited. There is not the shadow of a doubt that murder was intended, as everything indicated careful planing, That the intention of the fiends, who were the perpetrators of the devilish attempt was not successful is due to no fault of theirs, but owing to the intervention of a kindly disposed providence.

There is no clew that points to the authors of the crime, but no effort will be spared to bring them to justice. Feeling in the community runs high, and if the perpetrators are discovered there can be no doubt as to the mode of justice that will be meted out to them. There is much fear expressed among the people of Paine, as it thought some anarchistically inclined assassin, with destruction as his dictator, is prowling about the vicinity, and that none are safe from being wafted into another world on the wings of a dynamite bomb at any moment.

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY.

Rev. Thomas Conaty of Worcester, Mass., Appointed to the Rectorship.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 8.—Cardinal Gibbons has received from the Pope an official registered letter informing his eminence that His Holiness has appointed Rev. Thomas J. Conaty, of Worcester, Mass., rector of the Catholic University in Washington, to succeed Right Rev. Bishop Keane. Rev. Father Conaty has been advised of his appointment and now is the guest of the cardinal.

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TELEGRAPH EXTENSION

Government Wires to Be Carried Over Six Hundred Miles Below Quebec.

A Public Holiday—Canadian Cases Appealed to Her Majesty's Privy Council.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Dec. 8.—The superintendent of the government telegraphic service is preparing for the construction of a government telegraph line from Esquimaux Point towards Belle Isle. Next year it is expected to add about eighty miles of line, which will carry the wires as far as Natishquan, 666 miles below Quebec.

As a result of this year's geological survey explorations there have been splendid additions of specimens to the museum.

This was a dies non in the public departments, the feast of the Immaculate Conception being a statutory holiday. Few ministers were at their offices or civil servants at work.

Reference to the record of cases appealed to the Privy Council during the past twenty years shows there is less force than had at first been supposed in the objection that Chief Justice Strong while in London would be reviewing judgments delivered by him here. During the period mentioned 112 appeals have gone from Canada to the Judicial Committee. Of these 75 per cent. were direct from the Court of Appeals in the several provinces, not passing through the Supreme court.

MURDERERS LYNCHED.

The Slayers of a Woman and Her Two Children Summarily Disposed Of.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 8.—A special to the Journal from Lexington, Mo., says:

At about 1 o'clock this (Monday) morning a mob of Ray county farmers broke into the county jail here, secured Jesse Winner and James Nelson, held for the murder of Mrs. Winner and her two babes, and lynched them. Details of the affair are meagre.

The mob broke into the jail with little difficulty and speedily accomplished their object of meting out punishment to the alleged butchers.

Lon Lackey, who has also been in jail here under a charge of complicity in the murder, was taken to Richmond Saturday, which fact alone saved his life, as he would certainly have been lynched with the others. The probabilities are that vengeance will be meted out to him later, possibly before morning.

Several attempts were made to lynch Winner and Lackey while they were in jail at Richmond, which led to their removal here for safe keeping. Nelson has been in jail here only since Saturday, having been arrested on the strength of a confession made by Miss Katron, who made a sworn statement that she, Winner, Lackey and Nelson committed the murder. The crime for which Winner and Nelson were lynched was the brutal butchery of Mrs. Winner, wife of the lynched man and of Clara Winner aged three years, and Pearl Winner, a boy aged eighteen months.

The Winners lived northeast of Richmond. On October 26 Winner left home for a day or two and the next day Mrs. Winner and the two children were found with their throats cut. Mrs. Winner's head had also been split with an axe. Her body lay just outside the house and was frightfully mutilated by hogs before it was discovered.

CHEAP TELEPHONES.

Gigantic Deal of St. Louis and Other Capitalists.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 8.—A gigantic deal, involving revolution in the telephone and electric lighting business of St. Louis has been consummated. Three big companies, with an aggregate paid up stock of nearly $3,000,000, has been organized by about twenty of the most prominent and wealthy citizens of St. Louis. One of the companies will introduce a telephone system in St. Louis, at much lower service rates than those prevailing at present. It will establish a home telephone plant which will in time extend to neighboring points. The second company, owned by the same persons, will operate an immense electric plant, supplying power of all kinds for public and private use. The third company will construct the telephone and electric plants for the two other companies, and will equip and construct a complete system of underground conduits. A fourth company is also in the deal, but it will not figure in the proceedings at present.

SUPPLIES OF GRAIN.

Important Decrease in the Available Stocks.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Special cable and telegraphic advices to Bradstreet's, covering the principal points of accummulation, indicate the following changes in the available supply of grain on Saturday, December 5, as compared with the preceding Saturday: "Wheat, United States and Canada east of the Rockies, decrease, 2,447,000; afloat for and in Europe, decrease 2,554,000; total decrease world's available supply, 4,991,000. Corn, United States and Canada east of the Rockies, decrease 958,000 bushels. Oats, decrease 346,000 bushels.

Fine variety of ladies pocket knives at Fox's. x

BAYARD COULD NOT ACCEPT.

The U. S. Ambassador Expresses His Sincere Gratitude for the Proposed Present.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—Mr. Bayard has written to the Daily Telegraph, under date of Saturday, confirming the report cabled to the Associated Press on Saturday that he would decline the proffered Christmas gift intended as a compliment to him and in honor of his efforts to bring about an era of good feeling between the United States and Great Britain. He had asked the proprietors of the paper not to carry out their "kind and generous proposition" along the lines planned. He then proceeds to describe the manner in which he first learned of the proposal, on Thursday afternoon, by reading the announcement in the columns of the Telegraph. He says he was naturally deeply touched and gratified when the following issues of the paper contained so many spontaneous contributions of respect and kind feelings from all classes, occupations and varying degrees of fortune.

Continuing, he says: "A few hours of reflection has brought me to the sober judgment that, holding my present office, invested with its discretion and duties, I should scrupulously respect and obey the spirit as well as the letter, written and unwritten, which prohibits any one holding an office of trust or profit under the United States of America from accepting without the consent of congress any present from any king, prince or government. The reasons for this inhibition apply with special significance to the representatives of the government abroad."

Mr. Bayard says that the Republican forms of government require strict and delicate obedience to such principles, and continues: "The patriotic and admirable intent of your influential journal has been fully accomplished, for it has evoked such expressions of widespread sympathy and approval as, like the breath of the ocean, will fill the sails of two great ships of state, as they are borne onward by the irresistible current of our common civilization."

"Ambassador Bayard concludes with an expression of sincere gratitude, and says that "while I live I will not cease to thank the people of these islands for the whole-hearted and unstinted welcome and warm hospitality showered on me and mine. I am sure I serve both countries best when I decide as ambassador not to receive the valued and most delightful present proposed."

"In an editorial the Telegraph announces that the donations will be returned, and repudiates the charges of 'meanness and presumption,' but 'no regrets for the action taken' are expressed, since prominent people throughout the country have approved of the proposed presentation to the ambassador of a Christmas gift."

RELATIONS WITH BRITAIN.

Sir Charles Tupper Regards the Question of Closer Connection as of Vital Interest.

LONDON, Dec. 8—The former Canadian High Commissioner, Sir Charles Tupper, was entertained at luncheon to-day by the counsel of the United Empire Trade League. Sixty-eight guests were present, including James Lowther, Howard Vincent, Lowles, Disraeli and Laurie, members of parliament; Lord Masham, the agents-general of Australia, Natal and Cape of Good Hope, and Mr. Rufus Pope of Canada. Chairman Lowther toasted "The Commercial Federation of the British Empire," coupled with the names of Sir Charles Tupper and Mr. John Lowles, M.P., an ardent imperial federationist, who is largely interested in trade with Western Australia and a Conservative in politics.

Sir Charles repled on the line of his previous speeches, saying he believed in the trade intercourse between the United Kingdom and the colonies should be placed upon a more favorable footing than foreign trade. He referred to the extraordinary growth of the colonies, "which," he added, "would be impossible under a free trade policy." Sir Charles also said he regarded the question of closer relations as being vital to Canada and the whole empire. Treaties with Germany and Belgium, he explained, alone stood in the way of preferential trade, "and," the speaker continued, "the sooner those are quashed the better." He ridiculed the fears of retalition.

Mr. Lowles spoke to the same effect.

BLIND RESTORED TO SIGHT.

What the X Rays Did for a Little Girl in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—With the aid of X rays, provided by Thomas A. Edison, a lancet operated by Drs. W. C. Bailey and A. S. Wendall, has probably restored the sight of ten-year-old Mary Schoeliner, of Newark, N.J. Two years ago the girl fell on her head. When she was picked up her skull was apparently injured and the scalp wound healed. A few months ago she complained of a mist before her eyes, and in a week she was totally blind. After consultation it was decided to try X rays on the girl. She was taken to Edison's laboratory at Orange. The X rays were focused against the side of the child's head. Dr. Bailey could see the bone pressing down on the little girl's brain and a dark shadow between convolutions, was a clot of blood. A plate was held before the girl's eyes while the rays were still being thrown on the head. She was able to see a shadow. The operation was performed and it was found that the X rays told the truth. There was a bit of bone pressing upon the anterior part of the brain and a blood clot extended down and pressed upon the optic commissure, causing blindness of both eyes. Bit by bit the clot was carefully cut away and the skull trepanned. Two or three large buttons of bone were taken out. "Unless the nerve fibres become atrophied," said Dr. Bailey, "there is no reason why the child's eyesight should not be fully restored."

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DEATH OF COLONEL FELLOWS

A Prominent Confederate Officer Who Became District Attorney of New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Col. John R. Fellows, district attorney and former member of congress, died yesterday of an illness which had confined him to his bed from the time of his return from an electioneering tour of the Middle Western states. In that tour he spoke frequently in behalf of Palmer and Buckner, the nominees of the National Democracy. John R. Fellows was born in Troy, N.Y., in 1832. In 1850 he went to Camden, Ark., at the invitation of an uncle who was a merchant at that place. He was an elector on the Bell and Everett ticket in 1860, and made speeches throughout the state. After the election of Lincoln he urged acquiescence in the result, but when secession was declared, young Fellows enlisted in the First Arkansas regiment.

After engaging in battles around Corinth, he was promoted to colonel and was inspector general at Port Hudson, La., when that place was surrendered. He was a prisoner of war at Johnson's island, Lake Erie, off Sandusky, Ohio, until the spring of 1865, when he was sent South for exchange, but was not released until the close of the war. Col. Fellows resumed the practice of law in Camden. He was elected a state senator, and in 1868 he spoke in this city at a Seymour meeting at Cooper Union, being a delegate to the national convention in this city which nominated Seymour and Blair.

After the election, on Governor Seymour's advice, Col. Fellows came to live in this city. He was assistant under District Attorney Garvin, from the fall of 1869 to January 1, 1871. He was counsel to the excise board for two years, and later was assistant under District Attorneys McKeon and Martin. In 1888 he was elected district attorney, and after the expiration of his term served as member of the house of representatives from this city. He succeeded Mr. Nicoll as district attorney.

CROSSED THE TROCHA.

Maceo's Movements—Fighting Around Guanabacoa—Raids of Nightly Occurrence.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—In a dispatch to the Herald from Jacksonvillle, Fla., the correspondent says that he has just received a dispatch from Havana which states that Antonio Maceo has crossed the trocha with a large force. It is reported, according to the dispatch, that Captain-General Weyler has been wounded. All news from the scene of the engagement is suppressed by the officials.

TAMPA, Fla., Dec. 8.—From a Cuban on passage through here from Havana, via Key West, who reached here in a fishing vessel, it is learned that the skirmish around Guanabacoa still continue to be of nightly occurrence. The government officials fear a larger detachment may dash into the city. Another band of fifty insurgents crossed the trocha yesterday near Artemisa. These caused reinforcements to be added to many portions of the trocha, so for many miles the pickets that are guarding it are within fifty feet of each other. There is a rumor in Havana that Gomez secured another victory, but it cannot be substantiated. Havana people are usually reticent now and the government spies are so numerous that they fear to speak, even to their closest friends.

THE CRONIN MURDER.

Suicide of One of the Principal Witnesses.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—Henry Owen O'Connor, one of the principal witnesses for the prosecution in the famous Cronin case, committed suicide by shooting himself at his home in this city. O'Connor was a friend of Dr. Cronin and his evidence at the trial was confined to remarks he heard made at Camp 20, Clan-na-Gael, by some of the defendants against Dr. Cronin. O'Connor appeared at the first trial, but would not testify when summoned at the re-hearing on behalf of Dan Coughlin. He was in New York at the time, but would not listen to any persuasion to make the trip to Chicago. His death recalls the mysterious fatality which pursued persons connected with the great case. Just before he shot himself O'Connor drew up a will disposing of his property and calling neighbors to witness it. This document was made the basis of a farewell letter to his wife, in which O'Connor said illness prompted him to do away with himself.

AUTOGRAPHS OF EVANGELISTS.

Perhaps It Is for the Best That None of the Original Gospels Exist.

Some of our readers thers may be who find it difficult to understand why, since God has revealed to us His will in a book, or rather in a library of inspired books, as the Bible truly is, He has not at the same time given us an infallible text. How much labor would have been saved had we possessed the autographs of the four evangelists! To this we answer that, had one such autograph existed, some branch of the Christian church, possibly every branch, ourselves included, would have made an idol of the writer's parchment, while neglecting its teaching altogether. We can only seek to comprehend the ways of Providence in one sphere by observing them in another. Man is the heir of all things; yet he is sent into the world to depend for food, clothing, and all the comforts and adornments of life, on his wits. How greatly is he thereby differentiated from the brutes! How immeasurably is the educated man, and especially the scientific investigator, raised above the savage simply as the results of his own efforts!

Is it not possible that he who gave the Word of Life designs to quicken our interest in it by arousing afresh in each successive generation of Christians the desire to approach nearer to its sources, to remove the undergrowth of legend and tradition which has sometimes obstructed its free course, and that we are saved from the danger of finding it trite by the feeling that we possess a divine treasure which, though a gift, is not entirely independent of our own exertions for the measures in which it shall minister to our edification?—("What Language Did Christ Speak?" by Agnes Smith Lewis, in the December Century.

In colonial circles the prevalent feeling in regard to the Venezuela settlement is one of satisfaction. The acceptance by Venezuela of the fifty years' limit will, it is held, not only save the much-contested Schomburgk line drawn in 1841, but also, which is of much greater importance, preserve all bona fide rights arising from settlement.

STILL IN HIS PRIME.

North Hastings' Oldest Inhabitant Hale and Hearty.

Josias Moore, of Bancroft, Ont., one of the oldest and best-known residents of Hastings County, can boast of wonderful health and vigor for his age.

"Although I am over 84 years of age," he says, "I feel as young as ever I did."

Mr. Moore, however had a narrow escape from death about a year ago. "I was so bad with indigestion," he writes, "that the doctors gave me up. I tried various alleged remedies but found them no good. One day our popular druggist, F. C. Humphries, sent me a sample of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills to try. The result was marvellous. After taking two I was able to get up. Then I sent for a box. I could soon eat anything. In a short time I was able to walk two miles, to Bancroft and back with ease."

Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills will, without fail, cure all kidney, liver, stomach and blood troubles. For sale by all dealers. Price 25 cents. One pill a dose; one cent a dose. Edmanson, Bates & Co., manufacturers, Toronto.

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FASHIONABLE ACCESSORIES.

Castor Oil as a Hair Tonic—White Dresses Still Popular.

Women who cannot afford to buy garters clasped with jewels and precious metals may be consoled by the reflection that all garter clasps are hard and uncomfortable and that for women who wear round garters nothing is so easy as the circle of flat elastic, without metallic ornament of any kind. The appearance of these garters may be rendered attractive by running the elastic through a casing of shirred ribbon, which gives when the rubber stretches. A chou or a bow of taffeta, satin, ribbon or lace placed at the joining adds to the beauty of the garter and conceals the seam.

The fashionable coiffure for young women and girls is waved at the sides, where it droops a little. Small combs hold these waves in place. The coil at the back is placed rather high. Castor oil, pure and simple, is said to be an excellent tonic for the hair, used once a month. It is applied

WOOLEN GOWN.

with a small, fine sponge, which is dipped in the oil and rubbed upon the scalp, the hair being parted with the fingers.

White costumes still continue to be fashionable and white enters largely into many elegant gowns. A bodice, guimpe, belt, collar, applications of embroidery and lace give the necessary touch of white in the costume. It is rather late to speak of white pique gowns, although in Paris they are still worn, often accompanied by vests of white silk with cravats and jabots of real lace, by those who can afford it. The Parisienne has a passion for combinations of whites, from the oyster shade through snow, cream, biscuit and deeper tones that we would call pronounced ecrus and yellows.

The illustration shows a costume of navy blue woolen goods with a small white design scattered over it. The skirt is plain. The bodice is fitted at the back and laid in plaits in front, the middle plait being of white satin. White lace forms the trimming of the corsage and small epaulets of lace are placed at the top of the sleeves. The collarette is of white gauze, the belt of white satin. JUDIC CHOLLET.

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Eight-year plan, *interest and principal payable monthly*, on improved city property. The Provincial Building and Loan Association are prepared to advance money through us on this plan. Loans on the ordinary plan effected. **SAVINGS**—60 cents and upwards can be invested to good advantage in the above Association. Full information given on application. *SWINERTON & ODDY*, 110 Government St.

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Advertisements under the heads of Lost, Found For Sale or To Let and Situations Wanted will be inserted at the rate of one cent a word each insertion. Payment always in advance. No advertisement received for less than twenty-five cents.

WANTS.

WANTED—A middle aged woman wishes a situation as a servant in small, quiet family; wages moderate. For particulars address Z.M., Colonist office. no28

WANTED—Lady's second hand bicycle in good order; state make and price. P.O. Box 207, City. no18-tf

MINING properties wanted suitable for conversion on the London market as public companies, by George Birchall, 85 Gracechurch street, London, solicitor and secretary to the National Investment Trust Corporation of England, Limited; Bankers, Messrs. Glyn, Mills, Currie & Co.; gold properties preferred to be accompanied by full particulars, terms, plans, reports, assays, and samples. no14-8t

ACCORDING TO AGENTS' REPORTS, "Queen Victoria; Her Life and Reign," introduction by Lord Dufferin, will reach high water mark of circulation; one agent reported twenty-nine orders the day after he got his prospectus, many take orders from three-fourths of calls made; we need canvassers for Canada and Australia; prospectus free on deposit of $1 as guarantee; if you want a share in this gold mine hustle, for territory is going fast. The Bradley-Garretson Co., Ltd., Toronto. au27

TO LET OR LEASE.

TO LET—Housekeeping rooms at Ellsmere House, 104 Pandora avenue. Apply 97 Quadra street. de6-1m

FOR RENT—The commodious premises vacated by Colonist, 28 Broad street, suitable for lodge room, wholesale grocery or manufactory concern, or any purpose requiring space and strong floors. Apply 28 Broad street. de5-6t

TO LET—The second story of the Lewis Lewis building, containing a large hall; also 3 furnished rooms and parlor on the third floor. Apply to Lewis Lewis. no22-1m

TO LET—From 1st December next, grocery store and dwelling, on southwest corner of Cook and North Park streets, now occupied by ex-Alderman Dwyer. Apply 95 Cadboro Bay road. 15th November, 1896. no15-7t

FURNISHED house to rent, 4 Battery street, Beacon Hill Park; 8 rooms, with lawn, flowers, etc.; small stable; rent very reasonable. Call at any time after 10 a.m. oc24-tf

FOR RENT—Large front room, suitable for two; every convenience; breakfast if desired. Apply 5 Queen's avenue, near Government street. de24-tf

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—A first-class family cow with calf; also a number of fat geese. 8 Jenning, Tolmie avenue. de8-2t

5000 shares Consolidated Alberni for sale; offers wanted Monday; also 1000 shares Channe 27 cents. John A. Wilson & Co., mining brokers. no29

FOR SALE—Cheap for cash, or on easy terms of payment; first class house 5 good rooms and cellar and bathroom; all modern improvements. Can be seen by applying to No 70 Milne street, or 200 Gorge road. no29 3t

FOR SALE—Best household Coal and Wood at market prices. Apply Flint & Prosser.

MISCELLANEOUS.

F. ELWORTHY—Balance-sheets prepared, accounts audited, general agencies taken. Office, Board of Trade Building. au30 tf

MONEY TO LOAN by The Dominion Building and Loan Association, on Victoria real estate, repayable in easy monthly payments extending from 5½ to 12 years. A. W. More & Co., mortgage brokers, 70 Douglas street.

LOST OR FOUND.

LOST—Left Friday evening last on ledge of stamp wicket, Post Office, a bunch of keys attached to steel chain. Finder will please leave at Colonist. de8-2t

LOST on November 25th, between Craigflower road, Esquimalt Church and Fernhill, a nugget scarf pin. Finder will be rewarded by leaving same at this office. de8-1t

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Until further notice we will sell the Old Original Wellington Coal for

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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

Fatally Injured on Board Ship—Municipal Matters, Vancouver—Burglar Scare Over.

Cowichan Creamery—Outrage on Chinamen—Mining in the Kootenay and Okanagan.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Dec, 8.—Work is progressing on the Albion claims on Bowen island with good results. Stock scrip will be ready in a few days, and by present indications the first issue will be rapidly disposed of. Bondholder is held very firm and a rise in the stock by the company is anticipated any day owing to the recent rich strike which has assayed some 400 ounces of silver to the ton.

The seats are being rapidly taken up for the Loie Fuller performance. Theatre goers in Vancouver appreciate the effort to give them the very best there is in the show line and are showing their appreciation by filling the opera house at every performance which has taken place for several months.

The stock market is very quiet. Channe is held firm. There are two or three claims said to be on the same ledge as the Golden Eagle which are in high favor just now.

In regard to the letter City Solicitor Hammersley has written to the council in reference to declaring the Mayor's seat vacant, owing to his having assigned to his creditors, the council will take no steps owing to the proximity of the mayoralty contest for 1897.

The petition to have Ald. Shaw unseated, which was for absenting himself from the city council for one month, was filed.

John McAllister, one of Vancouver's old-timers, was elected police officer on the first ballot at a sitting of the council last night. The other officer chosen was Keefer Fulton, probably the biggest man physically in town. Mr. Fulton formerly carried on an extensive dray business.

The council are considering the matter of opening a new cemetery, the present one being too small. It is said that if the city does not take action a company will be formed for the purpose.

Lieut.-Commander L. G. Sobral, naval attache to the Spanish legation at Washington, has left for Victoria. Lieut. Sobral has been visiting parts of British North America for the past three months.

Alexander Kidd, a pioneer of the province without means of support, is being cared for at St. Paul's hospital. Mr. Kidd is seriously ill.

Battered and bruised Chinamen are the order of the day in Vancouver just now. In the sparsely populated extreme east and the extreme west end of the city boys follow them and after spilling their refuse tins and bundles of clothes in the road retire in regular order, pelting them with stones as they stoop to pick up their burdens.

The Roman Catholics of this city have purchased a plot of ground on the Westminster road, which they intend to use as a cemetery.

WESTMINSTER.

WESTMINSTER, Dec. 8.—An inoffensive man walking home at night on Second street was fired at from a house in the vicinity at the moment a dog rushed out and barked at him. He was taken for a burglar.

The burglar scare is apparently over, although every precaution is being taken by private citizens, should the clever cracksmen commence operations again.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, Dec. 8.—Murdock McLaughlin, third mate of the steamship Costa Rica, now at Departure Bay, fell down a hatch yesterday and died at midnight from internal injuries. The deceased was a native of Scotland and leaves a wife and family in Victoria. This was his first trip on the Costa Rica. He will probably be buried in Victoria.

DUNCAN.

DUNCAN, Dec. 7.—The first annual meeting of the shareholders of the Cowichan Creamery Association was held in the Agricultural hall to-day. Mr. W. P. Jaynes occupied the chair and about thirty members were present. The report and balance sheet, showing a total manufacture of over 2,300 pounds of butter and a net profit of $216 for the first five months' working of the association, were read and adopted unanimously. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: W. P. Jaynes, president; Capt. Barkley, R.N., vice-president; and T. A. Wood, C. T. Gibbons, W. Herd, W. Ford and G. T. Corfield, directors.

KAMLOOPS.

(From the Inland Sentinel.)

Frank Bear, the tramp who was brought into the Kamloops hospital from Revelstoke two weeks ago with both feet frozen, was operated upon yesterday by Drs. Lambert and Munro, the injured member being removed. On Wednesday an Ashcroft man, Frank Bateson, employed as a teamster on the Cariboo road, had all his toes amputated by Dr. Munro. A Miss Bailey, from Ducks, had an eye removed by Dr. Munro at the hospital on Monday. All the patients are doing well.

Ed. Fearon, M.L.A., of Maple Creek, Assa., and Geo. Ritchie, barrister, of Toronto, were in town this week, to consult with W. Thos. Newman regarding the W. Thos. Newman Gold Saving and Concentrating Co. Mr. Fearon is a partner of Mr. W. Thos. Newman, whilst Mr. Ritchie is trustee for the patent, the invention of Mr. Newman, but now the property of the above-mentioned company.

The appointment of Revelstoke's gold commissioner, Mr. Graham, to be stipendiary magistrate for that part of West Kootenay comprised in the Revelstoke, Illecillewaet, Trout Lake and Lardeau mining divisions is announced.

Rev. Father Le Jeune, editor of the Wawa, has received one gold medal, one silver palm and two bronze medals, awarded to the editor of the Wawa and some of his Indian pupils by the Shorthand Society of Monthery, France. The Indian pupils who earned awards are Miss Clorinne Falardeau, of Kamloops, and James Michel, from the Nicola rancherie near Quilchena.

In spite of the inclement weather work on the Python claim Coal Hill, is progressing satisfactorily. The crosscut at 55 feet has discovered a vein of 8 feet between well defined walls. The miners are now engaged in drifting along the vein. Those who know say the claim never looked better. Owing to W. T. Newman's illness work on the Iron Mask is at a standstill. As soon as he can get about again and the weather permits active development, work will be commenced. Enquiries concerning the mining resources of this district are coming in from all quarters, the latest received at this office is from Pittsburg, Pa.

VERNON.

(From the News.)

Arrangements are being made to procure a quantity of ore carrying copper, from the Lake View claim at Camp Hewitt, to be used as a flux in connection with the test smelter now being erected at the Morning Glory mine.

Dan. Taylor recently came up from the Boundary Creek country, and he is inclined to believe that there are as good chances in this end of the district as in any section of the southern Okanagan or Kettle river.

While Mr. Wm. Meigan, of Pleasant valley, was out hunting he somehow lost his footing and slid for a considerable distance down the mountain side, landing on a ledge of quartz, which from present indications may prove to be one of the best mines in B. C.

The test smelter of the Morning Glory Mining Co. arrived last week and is now being placed in position at the head of the shaft. Work is being steadily pushed ahead on the mine, and the rock looks better as the shaft gets deeper.

Fairview promises to be one of the livliest mining camps in this section before many months. The Smuggler and Stemwinder claims, recently disposed of to a syndicate represented by Messrs. Knowles and Simes, will give employment to a large number of men, and the Victoria capitalists who have purchased the Silver Crown and adjoining claims, will also vigorously prosecute work on their properties.

MIDWAY.

(From the Midway Advance.)

Upon the information of W. G. McMynn, chief constable at Midway, a warrant has been issued for the arrest of George P. Keene, of Camp McKinney, who is charged that he did, on the 26th of October, at Camp McKinney, murder one Matt. Roderick, the man who is held to be the party who committed the highway robbery near Camp McKinney on the 18th of August last, when Mr. G. B. McAuley was relieved of $11,000 worth of gold bullion.

A bond has been given by Mr. F. Dittmer on his half-interest in the Jewel claim to the Prospecting Syndicate of British Columbia. The Jewel is located in Long Lake camp, and was taken up by Mr. Dittmer and Mr. Bosshart nearly two years ago. The consideration named in the bond is $15,000, ten per cent of which has been paid, the remaining payments to be made as follows: $3,500 on or before the 24th May, 1897, and $10,000 on or before the 29th August, 1897. This gives the Prospecting Syndicate of British Calumbia an option on seven-eighths of the claim, as they formerly held under bond Mr. Bosshart's interest of three-eighths, the bonding price of which was $10,000. The remaining one-eighth interest in the claim is owned by Mrs. M. Garland, of Portage la Prairie, Manitoba.

NEW DENVER.

(From the Ledge.)

The Camille and Comal, on the north fork of Lemon creek, owned by H. R. Butner and Ira Black, have been sold to A. Dick and A. B. Mackenzie for $1,500 cash.

Negotiations have been satisfactorily closed whereby A. Dick has secured a working bond of a three-quarters in Ocean group, which consists of the Atlantic, Pacific, Arctic and Antarctic, situated at the head of Lemon and Ten-Mile creeks.

The crown grant work on the Curlew, Galena Farm, has been finished. Three men are working on the Highland. The shaft is down fifty feet and a drift, towards the lake is in fifteen feet. At the Currie the new shaft is down fifty feet, with very little trouble from water. Improvements are being made as rapidly as possible.

The Slocan Milling Co. closed down all works on Monday last until warmer weather. The mines in connection with the concentrator will continue working during the winter and store their ore until spring.

The customs department has given its decision in the application for free admission of a wire tramway for use at the mine of the Lillooet, Fraser River and Cariboo Gold Field's Company. It is held that the tramway does not come under the category of mining machinery but of transportation, and is therefore dutiable.

TROUT LAKE.

(From the Kootenay Mail.)

The report is current, though it is probably incorrect, that the Silver Cup has shut down.

Surveyor Carey with a gang of men and the necessary instruments started into Galena Bay yesterday to run lines for the proposed railway to the Forks.

The Silver Cup shipped a carload of ore from Arrowhead this week. It is high grade and was consigned to Tacoma.

The Great Northern is opening up in good shape and will one day take rank with the great silver properties of the Slocan. It will ship about 200 tons of ore this season which will average about 150 ounces.

There is a general feeling in the camp that next spring will see an immense impetus given to mining in this division.

The Horne-Payne Co., have not altogether shut down in here as was stated some time ago. They have still a few men working on the Broadview, Sunshine and Towset.

REVELSTOKE.

(From the Kootenay Mail.)

N. P. Snowden is reported to have severed his connection with the Horne-Payne Co., and he now represents a large English sydicate.

Cory Menhinick, who came in from Lardeau, reports the prospects for Lardeau to be looking tip-top, and says everyone is sanguine of good times next season.

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Butte	.06	Josie	.62
Caledonia Con	.11	Josie Mac	.10
Cariboo Camp McKinney	.46	Lily May	.15
Channe	.26	Mayflower	.15
Celtic Queen (4000 6)	.10	Morning Star	.13
Colonna	.12½	Monita	.25
Commander	.27	Mugwump	.16
Deer Park	.19	Monte Cristo	.18
Delacola	.04½	Nest Egg	.10½
Elise	.09	Novelty	.12½
Eric	.10	O.K.	.31
Enterprise	.20	Old Ironsides	.14
Eureka Con. (3000 6½)	.10	Poorman	.10
Evening Star	.20	Red Mountain View	12
Good Hope, 2000 at	.05¾	St. Elmo	.12½
Great Western	.17½	San Joaquin	.06½
Gibson (near Kaslo)	10	Virginia	.21
Hattie Brown	.10	Vulcan	.04
Ross'd Homestake	.17	War Eagle	1 60
Iron Mask	.65	West Le Roi & Josie	35
Iron Queen	.02	Wonderful	.13
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Mountain Rose	.11	Grand Prize	.05¼
TEXADA ISLAND.		High Ore	.07½
Van Anda	.11	Iron Mask	.63
Victoria-Texada	.25	Iron Queen	.02
CAMP M'KINNEY.		International	.03
Cariboo	.41	Ivanhoe	.65
SLOCAN.		Josie	.60
Dellie	.12½	Josie Mac	.10
Idler	.07½	Mabel	.15
London Group (par)	25	Mayflower	.15
Rambler-Cariboo	.31	Monte Cristo	.17
Santa Marie	.03½	Nest Egg	.09½
Wonderful Group	.13	Norway	.05
TRAIL CREEK.		O.K.	.30
Alberta	.15	Silverine	.11
Commander	.27	St. Elmo	.12½
Celtic Queen	.05	Virginia	.21
Deer Park	.19	Vulcan	.03
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Commander	.26	Nest Egg	.10
Deer Park	.18	Novelty	.12
Eureka Con	.10	Northern Light	.15
Evening Star	23	O.K.	.50
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Grand Prize	.05½	Phoenix	.15
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Gladiator	.04½	Reco	1 00
Helen	.05½	Star M. & M. Co.	.10
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Iron Queen	.02	Virginia	21
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By order.
J. B. BURR, Secretary.
Ladner, December 1st, 1896. de2-1m

Public Notice.

To Whom it May Concern.

Take notice that I have revoked all Powers of Attorney given by me at any time to Harry Symons, of the City of Calgary, in the District of Alberta, Advocate, and that the said Harry Symonds is no longer in any way authorized to act on my behalf.

no25-1w H. E. FORSTER.

GEO. A. SARGISON,

NOTARY PUBLIC,

Accountant and Agent.

No 45 Langley Street.

TENDERS.

TENDERS

Will be received by the undersigned up to 12 o'clock noon of Friday, the 4th day of December next, for the supply of a horse, about 1200 pounds, not more than six years old; must pass examination by veterinary surgeon.

Persons tendering must bring the horses tendered to the City Market for inspection at 2 o'clock on the above named date.

Tenders to be signed and addressed and endorsed "Tender for Horse."

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

WM. W. NORTHCOTT,
Purchasing Agent for the Corporation.
City Hall, Victoria, B.C.
November 28th, 1896, no29-td

NOTICE.

Lease of Timber Limits,

QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLAND.

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works up to 4 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, 21st January, 1897, from any person, persons, or corporation, for permission to lease the under-mentioned lands for the purpose of cutting spars, timber or lumber, subject to the provisions of the "Land Act," and amendments thereto, viz:—

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Each tender must be accompanied by a certified bank cheque to cover the cost of survey, $4,955.70, the first year's rental, $1,547.10, and the amount of the bonus tendered. The cheques will be at once returned to unsuccessful competitors.

W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands & Works.
Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B.C., 23rd November, 1896. n28-1m

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The said property consists chiefly of the equity of redemption in part (160 acres) of Section Seven (VII) Alberni District, British Columbia, together with a paper mill and sawmill erected upon the same, and also on the plant, machinery and tools, etc., used in connection therewith.

The mortgage charge upon the same is $26,025 97, with interest upon the same from the 30th day of September, 1896, to the date of sale, together with the costs of foreclosure proceedings to the said date of sale, less a rebate of $50.00 per month from the said 30th September to such date.

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The above sale will be made at public auction at the auction rooms of William T. Hardaker, Douglas Street, Victoria, British Columbia, on Wednesday, the 16th day of December next, at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

Further particulars may be obtained from the undersigned at his office, or at the office of Messrs. Fell & Gregory, Board of Trade Building, Bastion Square, Victoria, B.C.

13th November, 1896.

F. ELWORTHY,
Liquidator.
no13-1m

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Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the Directors held on the 4th day of November, 1896, an assessment of twenty-five (25) cents per share was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation, payable immediately in United States gold coin to the Secretary, at the office of the Company, 610 Clay street, San Francisco, California.

Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on the twenty-first (21st) day of December, 1896, will be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction, and, unless payment is made before, will be sold on the twentieth (20th) day of January, 1897, at 2 o'clock p.m., to pay the delinquent assessment, together with the costs of advertising and expenses of sale.

R. T. WARD, Secretary.
FRED. H. BEAVER, Sec. Pro Tem.
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TIME TABLE No. 28.

Takes effect November 1st, 1896.

Vancouver Route.

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Vancouver to Victoria—Daily, except Monday, at 13:15 o'clock, or on arrival of C.P.R. No. 1 train.

New Westminster Route.

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Ar. Nanaimo	11:40	6:38
Ar. Wellington	12:00	6:55

GOING SOUTH.

	Daily	Sat'day
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Lv. Nanaimo for Victoria	8:40	3:45
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For Tacoma	8:20 a.m
For Tacoma	12:20 p.m.
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*From Olympia	8:20 p.m.
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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The President's message differs in many essential respects from the speech from the throne. It does not outline the policy of the Government, and it does not indicate what measures the party in power proposes to introduce and support. Congress is to a very great extent independent of the President. The President may be opposed to the policy which it favors, and it can pass its measures without the President's sanction and even over his veto.

The message sent to Congress on Monday is most likely President Cleveland's last message. In a few months another Administration will have the management of the affairs of the United States, and it is not likely that the new administration will look upon Mr. Cleveland's utterances as authoritative or will be disposed, as far as its power extends, to carry out Mr. Cleveland's recommendations. The message, therefore, though an important document, is not to be taken as indicating the course that will be pursued by the Government of the United States on the subjects of which it treats.

A good part of the message is retrospective. The President, as every loyal American citizen should be, is pleased with the way in which the very important election contest, closed only a few weeks ago, was conducted, and with the loyal acquiescence of the defeated party in the result. Those who have watched exciting election contests with interest must feel surprised to see how quickly the excitement subsides and how soon men who were but the other day, oratorically and argumentatively, flying at each the relations of good neighbors and old others' throats, quiet down and resume friends. In the United States the blood has disappeared from the eyes of the late contestants, and their demeanor is as calm and as commonplace as if there had been no such thing as an election. Mr. Cleveland has good reason to look upon this change with satisfaction, and to argue from it that his countrymen are well fitted to exercise the powers and the privileges of the citizens of a great republic.

The President when discussing the situation in Turkey is no doubt not nearly so sentimental and sympathetic as many United States citizens would like him to be. He is evidently not indifferent to the sufferings of the Armenians, but he in effect tells Congress that if the rights of American citizens in Turkey are recognized and respected, the trouble between the Sultan and his Armenian subjects is none of their funeral. It will not do for them to meddle with matters that do not directly concern them, when meddling may be followed by very unpleasant consequences. This, many will say, is a cold-hearted an and inhumane way of looking at the matter, but it will have to be admitted that it is a commonsense and a business way.

Mr. Cleveland regards the situation in Cuba pretty much in the same light as he does that in Turkey. His sympathies are evidently with the insurgents, but he finds that his position requires him to refrain from gratifying his personal feelings at the expense of the people of the United States. He evidently believes that Spain is getting the worst of it in its struggle with the rebellious Cubans, and that the country is being ruined by the contest; but as the insurgents, in his opinion, have not made good their title to be regarded as an independent state, he logically concludes that the time has not come to accord to them the rights of belligerents. There are many fiery spirits in the United States who will denounce him for coming to this conclusion, but President Cleveland is not the man to abandon a position which he considers sound on account of the clamor raised by unreflecting or designing men. He has faith in himself, and he is bound to be true to his convictions of what is right and for the general welfare.

In Cuba, as in Turkey, he is determined that the rights of American citizens shall be respected. The persons and the property of such citizens must be secure. If harm comes to them the Cuban Government will be called to strict account. President Cleveland believes that Spain ought to come to an understanding with the insurgents without any unnecessary delay. "It wou'd seem," he says, "as if Spain should offer Cuba a genuine autonomy measure of home rule, which, while preserving the sovereignty of Spain, would satisfy all rational requirements of Spanish subjects. There should be no just reason why the pacification of the Island might not be effected on that basis."

The mischief of it is that the Spaniards do not seem to understand what "a genuine autonomy measure of home rule" means, or, if they do, they are determined to see Cuba transformed into a desert, rather than give its inhabitants what Americans and Canadians regard as a reasonable measure of self-government. It is questionable, too, whether the insurgents would now be satisfied with anything less than complete independence of Spain. The Cuban question is one which Mr. Cleveland quietly hands over to his successor to deal with. It is both a difficult and a delicate one; whether or not it will be settled without the interference of the United States can as yet be only a matter of conjecture.

The President deals in a sensible way with the financial question. He has earned a right to speak with authority on that question. By his clear-headedness, his firmness and his courage in a very critical and trying time President Cleveland saved the people of the United States from financial disaster, the extent and the consequences of which no man living can calculate. The course which he recommends will, if followed, avert the very great danger to which the business of the United States has for many years been exposed. He would place the finances of the country on a sound basis and deprive financial quacks and cranks of the opportunity to drive the business of the country to the verge of ruin and perhaps beyond that limit.

A KANSAS JUDGE.

The Populists of the United States say very queer things, and some of them get into places which they never ought to occupy. One of them was, at the late election, placed in the position of Chief Justice of the State of Kansas. His name is Doster. Here is an extract from one of his election speeches:

"I deny the existence of that mutuality between labor and capital which we hear so constantly asserted, and which is the stock utterance of politicians and commercialists and legislators. My contention is that labor and capital, or, more accurately speaking, ownership and use, or, still more accurately speaking, creator and created, are not mutual and equal. The only law which the user of capital is bound to observe is that law which finds its origin, end and sanction in himself. Stripped to its nakedness, the proposition is that the owner of property does not possess, with respect to such property, an equality of right with the user of it. Upon the truth of that proposition, let me say to you, members of the Farmers' and Citizens' Alliance, and you, people's-party men, rests the entire fabric of your political platforms and your demand for industrial reforms."

This is a nice doctrine for a judge of the land to teach. This Daniel come to judgment, holds that the man who borrows money has a better right to it than the man who lent it to him, and that the tenant's right is superior to that of the landlord. Judge Doster teaches, as the Oregonian puts it, "that the man who by hook or by crook can get money or property into his hands enjoys a right to it superior to that of him to whom the money or property belongs. It is rather moderate to call this socialism, unless socialism and theft are the same thing."

Judge Doster defended the position he took vigorously, and, singular to say, there were many men who believed themselves to be honest, who subscribed to his doctrine, and who voted to place him on the Bench of the state.

ARE THEY DISAPPEARING?

The number of Indians in the United States, according to the report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, exclusive of the five civilized tribes and the remnants of the New York tribes, is 177,235. These are what is called the Indians of the plains. It is generally supposed that these wild tribes are decreasing in numbers, but this, it is said, is not the case. There is reason to believe that so far from being civilized out of existence, the Indians are steadily increasing.

"It is contended by the best investigators that the early historical records of the numerical force of the Indian race are unreliable, and pervaded by a general tendency to exaggeration, owing, mainly, to the difficulty of obtaining trustworthy information on the subject. The first accurate enumeration was not made they say until 1886 and since that time there has been a regular annual increase. It is easy to believe that the vitality of the race has gained by reason of the comforts and advantages—the shelter, clothing, and food—that the Government has liberally provided and the philanthropists and sentimentalist have no cause to worry about the approaching extinction of the Indian population."

If this is the case with the Indians of the United States the Indians of the Dominion of Canada must be also increasing. It is admitted that the Canadian Indians are better treated and better cared for in every way than the Indians of the United States. But the impression is general that the Indians of the Dominion, in spite of all that is done for them by the Government, are decreasing. Such, at any rate, is the general impression. The subject is one about which there need not be in these days any uncertainty. The Indian population of the country is now under government supervision. The agents ought to be able to tell to a papoose how many of the Indian race there are in this country at a given time. If they are disappearing the agents of the Government must surely have noticed the decrease and be able to calculate with considerable accuracy the rate of decrease. The prevailing opinion is that civilized life and civilized food have weakened the constitution of the Indian, that he has lost his stamina, and that he readily falls a prey to diseases that are not generally considered dangerous by white men.

A FAILURE.

The Mail and Empire of Dec. 1 says: "So far Liberal newspapers and Ministerial circulars have failed to get together a single deputation of free traders. But impossible as that task has up to the present been found, it is easy of accomplishment by comparison with that other difficulty which free trade organs think should be undertaken, namely, the hiving of all the consumers apart from all the producers. Having heard the producers, these simple critics say the Tariff Commission should next hear the consumers. That is to say, having listened to one side of a man, the commissioners should turn their ears to the other."

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ELECTION CARDS.

THE MAYORALTY
1897.

To the Electors of Victoria:

As many of you are kind enough to desire me to become a candidate for re-election next January to the office of Mayor, I place myself in your hands, respectfully asking your influence and vote. I shall take an opportunity before the election takes place to speak upon Civic affairs, feeling convinced that with your assistance beneficial changes can be attained.

ROBERT BEAVEN.

Victoria, 16th November, 1896. no17-tt

THE MAYORALTY.

To the Ratepayers of the City of Victoria.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—

At the request of a number of my fellow citizens, I have the honor to announce that I will be a candidate for the office of Mayor at the next election, and respectfully solicit your votes and support.

no15 CHAS. E. REDFERN.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

To the Electors of South Ward.

I beg to announce myself a candidate for your representation at the coming Election for the Board of Aldermen.

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THE CITY

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BURGLARS are said to be operating in a clumsy fashion in the central residential portion of the city.

SATURDAY instead of to-morrow evening has been fixed as the date of the complimentary dinner to be given Mr. Justice McColl by the members of the Victoria Bar Association.

COLLECTOR of Customs A. R. Milne has seen fit to suspend Appraiser Shears for cause, until the matter of complaint against him shall have been passed upon by the authorities at Ottawa.

THE Board of Trade hold a special meeting of members at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning to elect a vice-president in succession to the late Mr. Gustav Leiser and transact other general business.

AT St. Saviour's church, Victoria West, yesterday evening, his lordship the bishop of Columbia delivered to an appreciative audience his illustrated lecture on the "Cathedrals of England." The subject, in the hands of Bishop Perrin, proved highly interesting and very instructive.

A VERDICT of "found dead" was returned by the jury empannelled yesterday to investigate the circumstances touching the demise of fisherman Peter Johnson. There was no testimony in proof of heart disease, but as no suspicion of foul play was entertained and this was in all probability the cause of death, a post mortem examination was deemed unnecessary.

THOMAS HOOD, his life and works, formed the very attractive subject upon which Rev. Canon Beanlands lectured at the Y. M. C. A. rooms last evening. The lecture, the first of the series to be given this winter in aid of the Y. W. C., attracted a fair audience, who proved appreciative listeners as the story of the poet's life was told and his cheery, genial wit and kindly feeling were illustrated by selections from his poetry.

THE appeal in the matter of the Western Assurance Co. and the Trust Relief Act was heard by the Full court yesterday. This was an appeal from an order of the Chief Justice allowing Dumbleton & Elliott, solicitors for Peter Oakes, to take out of moneys deposited in court by the Western Assurance Co. $470 which Oakes claimed to be entitled to under the policy. Michael Hare's creditors claim that Oakes is not entitled to any of the money, but that Mr. Fell as assignee of the Insurance company's moneys, is entitled to it. The court partly allowed the appeal, directing that an issue should be tried before the court. Mr. F. B. Gregory for appellants; Mr. L. P. Duff for respondents.

WHEN Capt. D. D. McIntosh found an upturned boat in the Straits, a few days ago, many were ready to prophesy that another lamentable drowning accident had occurred. When the boat was on Monday identified as the one in which John Carmichael and a companion had started on a shooting expedition last week, and when they failed to return at the appointed time their friends sorrowfully concluded that they were the victims of the fatality. Yesterday proved that there had been no drowning in this instance and that Mr. Carmichael and his friend are still in the land of the living. They are not "all right," however, for at the time the boat drifted away from the beach on which they had drawn it up, Mr. Carmichael was suffering agonies in the bush, having splintered his knee cap, and his companion was arranging to bring him home. This task was accomplished yesterday and the unfortunate man is now receiving the best medical attention. His injuries are not necessarily fatal though very serious.

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A SPECIAL service of intercession on behalf of the work of the Local Council of Women will be held in Christ Church cathedral to-morrow (Thursday) at 12 o'clock.

THE court of arbitration to fix the value of Mr. G. H. Wilson Brown's property expropriated by the city in the prosecution of the waterworks improvement scheme at Beaver lake, concluded its labors yesterday after hearing five additional witnesses. The award was reserved.

MR. W. T. COOKSLEY, of New Westminster, last evening delivered the second of his illustrated lectures at the Victoria West Methodist church, the wonders of the world's fair being described in an entertaining two hours' talk and pictured with the aid of a first class stereopticon.

A REGULAR general meeting of the public school board is to be held this evening at the secretary's office. Included in the business to receive consideration is the making of arrangements for the closing examinations of the Christmas term, now rapidly drawing to a conclusion.

A PRETTY little wedding was solemnized by Rev. Canon Beanlands in Christ Church cathedral yesterday, making Mr. Wilfred Kynaston of this city and Miss Annie L. Blackman, of San Francisco, man and wife. The bride is the second daughter of the late Rev. T. N. Blackman, formerly rector of Cotemore, Wantage, Eng.

A FASCINATING Christmas entertainment introducing Santa Claus' wonderful chimney will be held in St. John's schoolroom on the evening of Tuesday the 29th inst. The entertainment will greatly delight the little folk as the amusing spectacle presented by the jolly old saint taking the chimney apart and distributing the well-filled "bricks" is a novelty not to be forgotten by the juveniles.

MR. A. J. MORRIS, of the firm of J. Piercy & Co., Yates street, and Miss Marguerite A. Peck, of Seattle, were joined in the bonds of holy matrimony in the Queen City of the Sound on Monday evening. Acting as support to the bride and groom respectively were Miss Nina Peck and Mr. W. A. Nicholson. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Barrerman, pastor of the Baptist church of that city.

IN THE city police court yesterday morning Edward Dunn paid a fine of $12, with several additional items in the form of costs, upon conviction of an assault upon George Naugh. The latter was enjoying a walk on Yates street when he met Dunn and a companion a few evenings ago. A quarrel followed and Naugh was struck on the head with a sling-shot. He did not know at the time whose hand dealt the blow, but the police succeeded in fastening the act upon Dunn.

ALMOST the entire house has been sold out for "Le Loie" Fuller's performance at the Victoria theatre to-night, and she will probably play to the largest one night business in the history of the theatre. The dances which Miss Fuller will present are the most remarkable and pleasing of her repertoire. All were invented by herself, as well as the light effects with which they will be shown here. The floor of the stage will be cut and in the openings will be inserted squares of plate glass. Under each glass are powerful electric lights and in these arrangements lies, in great measure, the success of her dances.

ALTHOUGH not heralded as many sales are, the bazaar conducted by the St. James' church sewing society yesterday afternoon attracted a considerable number of purchasers. The lady attendants at the sale were all the time alert for business and consequently disposed of considerable stock. Over a long table of fancy goods Mrs. Byrn, Mrs. Kain and Mrs. Solly presided. Miss Storey catered to the wants of the "sweet-toothed"; Mrs. McB. Smith, Mrs. Gore and Mrs. Hardy dispensed tea and cake; and the Misses Trimen, Robinson and Burrows dispensed the grateful and well-ripened fruit of a well-laden orange tree. The bazaar was held in the St. James' hall and was given for the benefit of the hall fund.

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FIFTH REGIMENT.

The Island Battalion Changes Commanders —Col. Gregory Succeeds Col. Prior.

As was expected Lieut.-Col. Prior's last—and Lieut.-Col. Gregory's first—parade was the largest which the three companies have seen for sometime. In spite of the fact that many of the men have lately been attracted to the mining regions of the province, over 150 were on parade. The late commanding officer was received by the battalion drawn up in line, with a general salute as he entered the hall.

Col. Prior then addressed Lieut.-Col. Gregory, the officers and men, and after recounting the progress of the volunteers in this city, stated that having been in command for over eight years he had, agreeable to the unwritten law of the service, concluded to make way for the promotion of another, who he knew was fully capable and entitled to the command. He looked upon them all—officers and men—as personal friends and was sincerely sorry to bid them good-bye. But although no longer in command, he said that he would always feel a deep interest and a pride in the battalion for which he had worked so long, and of which any commanding officer might well feel proud. He complimented the men on the fact that he, as well as others even better able to judge than himself, could say that as regarded physique, neatness and general appearance on parade, there was not a better corps in Canada to-day.

Lieut.-Col. Prior having finished his remarks, the new commanding officer called for three cheers and "a tiger" for their late commander; where given with a vim.

Lieut.-Col. Gregory then addressed the men, and told them as there were many little matters which he wished to discuss with them, he thought it would be more advisable to have a talk in a more informal and less public manner than on parade. He would therefore dismiss, and hold a meeting in "the men's" room; which was accordingly done.

THE LAST RITES.

Funeral of the Late Gustav Leiser Conducted by the A. O. U. W. Order.

One of the largest private funerals every seen in Victoria was that of the late Gustav Leiser, which took place yesterday afternoon. The A.O.U.W. and Woodmen of the World attended in a body, and among those present were many of the Masonic fraternity, of which deceased had also been a member. The pall-bearers were Messrs. Thomas Earle, M.P., and A. C. Flumerfelt, of the board of trade; Ald. R. T. Williams and Mr. G. Hauck, of the A. O. U. W.; Messrs. J. J. Sargison, Spence, E. Merman and Marks. The flowers sent by the Workmen, Board of Trade, Maternity Home and other public bodies and fraternal lodges, besides the tributes of private friends were exquisite and so numerous that they had to be carried to the cemetery in an express wagon. By the wish of deceased the funeral was conducted by the A.O.U.W., but owing to lack of room the services of the order were dispensed with at the house, only the Jewish prayers being read there by Mr. H. Bornstein, who also performed the last Hebrew rites at the grave. The A.O.U.W. services at the cemetery were read by G.M. J. E. Church and P.G.M. J. T. McIlmoyl.

HE IS HERE.

Colonel T. P. Moody, of Chicago, arrived in the city to-day to take charge of the auction sale of Messrs. Davidson Bros. jewelry stock. The Colonel is in physique and appearance a military man, courteous, polished, affable and genial, a gentleman whom it will afford the public of Victoria a pleasure to meet. Colonel Moody is acknowledged to be one of the most thoroughly posted experts in jewelry, watches, diamonds and precious stones in the country, and for many years his services have been in demand as an auctioneer in the largest jewelry and silversmiths' houses on this continent, his familiarity with the nature and qualities of the goods handled being of special value to buyers of articles in these lines, as well as to employers of his services.

Colonel Moody will never handle anything but stocks of the highest class and standing. That of Messrs. Davidson Bros. is well known to the public of Victoria as being strictly of that character, so that everything purchased bears with it the guarantee of honest representation.

Messrs. Davidson Bros. have decided to retire from the jewelry business entirely and in order to turn their stock into cash at the earliest opportunity they have employed the services of Colonel Moody. x

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SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

Burton Secures the Medal—Rugby Football —Whist Tournament at the Conservative Club.

THE WEEKLY TOURNAMENT.

The second of the regular weekly whist competitions of the Conservative Club was held in the club rooms last evening, the first prize being won by Mr. J. A. Walkley, the second by Mr. Thos. Black and the booby prize by Mr. A. Walkley. The next meeting will take place Tuesday evening next.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

TO PLAY ON SATURDAY.

The following team will represent the Y.M.C.A. in their first game against Victoria second fifteen at Beacon Hill on Saturday, commencing at 3 p.m.: Full back, Walter Wriglesworth; three-quarter backs, W. Peden, A. Reed, C. White and A. H. Finlaison; half backs, J. Hemsworth and H. A. Goward: forwards, A. Booth, F. White, B. Shotbolt, L. Campbell, C. McNeil, W. Grant, W. Adams and F. Norris; reserve, F. Vigor.

HERE AND THERE.

RANDOM NOTES OF ALL SPORTS.

Mr. Burton, who tied with Mr. Cuppage in scoring on the golf links on Saturday last, has since been declared the winner of the B class monthly medal, he having played again his competitor and beaten him.

THE final arrangements for the Sons of England dinner have been completed and the affair promises to be a decided success. The dinner will be given in the Victoria hotel to-morrow evening.

THE dance given by the Ladies' Auxiliary at A.O.U.W. hall last night in aid of the Jubilee hospital passed off most delightfully as such events always do, when the Ladies' Auxiliary are the hostesses. By permission of Lieut.-Col. Gregory and officers the Fifth Regiment band played through the evening and added much to the pleasure of the guests, everyone having a most enjoyable time.

THE organization known as the Municipal Reform Association is now semi-officially declared to have passed from existence. The annual meeting was, according to the constitution, to have been held last week, but no one attended, while but one member put in an appearance at the meeting of the executive called to draft the year's report. And so all further meeting's stand adjourned "sine die."

MATE MURDOCK MCLAUGHLIN, who was fatally injured on board the steamer Costa Rica, at Nanaimo, had only a short time previously secured a position on that vessel. Formerly he was a much respected resident of the city, having for years been an employe of the C. P. N. Company. He leaves a wife and two small children living in Victoria West and also warm associates in the Sir William Wallace Society of which he was a member.

THE following donations to the Protestant Orphans' Home for November were reported by the matron at the ladies' meeting on Monday and thankfully acknowledged: Daily COLONIST, The Colonist Publishing Company; clothing, Mrs. Earle, Miss Askew, Mrs. Shotbolt, Mrs. W. J. Stevens, Miss Matthews, Mrs. Tag, Mrs. McLaren, Mrs. Cochrane, Mrs. E. M. Adams and Mr. A. B. Erskine; milk, Mrs. R. E. Knowles (daily); vegetables and fruit, Mrs. J. N. Anderson, Mrs. J. D. Pemberton, "A Friend," Mr. Brethour, Mrs. W. Atkins, Mr. Barkley, Mr. W. Denny, Mr. A. Jack and Mrs. T. Carter; coals, Mr. Tiarks and Mr. W. J. Stevens; groceries, Dr. Lewis Hall, Mr. Thos. Tugwell, Rev. Mr. Betts, Ceylon Tea Store and Mr. L. Dickenson; flour, etc., Brackman & Ker Milling Company; bread, Messrs. Johns Bros.; cakes, etc., Miss Woods, Court Vancouver (A. O. F.), Madame Redon, Canadian Order Oddfellows, Sisters of Rebekah No. 1 (I. O. O. F.) and Calvary Baptist Church; turkey, Mrs. W. Jackson; cash, Mrs. Cogswell, Mrs. Lyons, Mrs. Lang and Mrs. Dudgeon, and "A Friend"; 36 flannel nightdresses and 18 flannel shirts, the "Stoneyhurst Working Party."

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BEHRING SEA CLAIMS.

Evidence as the Catches of Seals Yesterday Before the Commissioners.

Fear of Seizure the Reason Given for Cutting Short Their Cruises.

To a large extent the evidence taken before the Behring sea claims commission yesterday was in relation to the catches of schooners in 1886 and 1887 in the sea, the object of the counsel for the British side being to show what the losses were to the vessels which were seized or did not finish their cruises during those seasons for fear of seizure.

Wm. T. Bragg, mate of the schooner Mary Ellen in 1886, was examined as to the catch his vessel made in Behring sea during that season, and stated that the catch of the schooner was 2,395, or including the coast take 4,264, the high line catch of any vessel until 1894.

Owen Thomas, who was pilot of the Carolena in the spring of 1886, stated that the object of the trip to Neuchatlitz in that February was not for trading purposes, but with the intention of securing an Indian crew, and though supplies were landed, as stated by Mr. Spring on Monday, they were taken aboard again as an Indian crew could not be secured.

Parts of the evidence taken of Mr. Andrew Lang, who is ill in bed, were read, stating that the W. P. Sayward had caught seals in Behring Sea in 1887, and admitting that the declaration he had made after the seizure of the vessel, that no skins had been taken by the Sayward in Behring Sea, was not correct. This last statement was used by the United States counsel to attack the credibility of the witness.

Victor Jacobsen, captain and owner of the schooner Mountain Chief, in his evidence as to his 1887 catch stated that the number 1,182, as given in the official report of the Fisheries Department, was not correct and was guess work, as he had not reported to the department, nor were the sealers in 1886 or 1887 required by the government to report the number of their catch.

Capt. J. D. Warren, the next witness, whose schooner, the Dolphin, was seized by the Rush in 1887 gave his catch in 1886 as 2,025 in Behring sea, and explained that the figures he had compiled at Ottawa when the claims first came up, did not exactly tally in some instances with the catch as now given, because he had then not been in a position to get as definite information.

Captain Wm. O'Leary, of the schooner Pathfinder, said he brought his schooner out of Behring sea before the season was over, both in 1886 and 1887, because he was afraid of seizure, and had in 1886 1,760 skins aboard, all but 300 of them having been taken in Behring sea.

Gustav Hansen, master of the German schooner Adele, gave the same reason as Captain O'Leary for not staying all the season of 1886 in Behring sea, and Emil Rambose, who was on the Theresa, which sealed through the season of 1886, said his schooner caught 2,100 seals.

At 5 o'clock an adjournment was taken till this morning.

AN ADMIRALTY HOUSE.

To the Editor:—M. J. A. has put on record some objections to building the Admiralty house as they affect him. I beg to offer the following reasons in favor of the scheme:

That the Imperial government spends nearly $400,000 a year here to the benefit of Victoria which is asked for a very small return; that if Victoria hasn't the sense to build the house Vancouver will, and so attract the $1,000 a day to their city; that because the duties of the city are neglected in the matter of bridges, roads, etc, is no reason for neglecting any other of its duties; that leaving this or any other matter to "tradesmen or or others" means "everybody's business is nobodies."

Parsimoniousness is more fatal to a country's growth than extravagance, and the proposition does not savour of the last.

It is surely better to have even higher taxes and general prosperity than lower taxes and no business and so remain waterlogged. Wentworth Sarel.

THE BRITISH INVESTOR.

To the Editor:—Some of the newspapers—the Globe amongst others—have been writing about Britishers having a prejudice against British Columbia mines. I think this rather rot. They have not so far beeen large investors; still they have bought some properties—for instance the Hall mines and the Invicta. The Horne-Payne syndicate represent a large amount of capital; the Quesnelle river company (I forget just now the name of the company) and several others. Then the War Eagle has been treated for but, owing to some misunderstanding, the sale so far has not been consummated. If, they had said that the Britishers are very slow and deliberate it would have been about right, for unquestionably they are. As an instance, look how slow they were before they adopted the tramcar system into London; also the electric light, and now with the motor cars they are far behind the French or the Americans. Yet they get there all the same.

I think that M. de Marais, the engineer sent out by the French government, has about hit the right nail on the head when he says that both the British and the French will invest more readily when there are a few more dividend paying mines. Prejudice does not enter into the question once John Bull is convinced as to the richness of minés. He will then open his purse strings and invest, it does not matter whether it be in South Africa, Australia, British Columbia or Timbuctoo. I think that the British investor is becoming convinced that British Columbia is a good field for investment. To confirm this to a certain extent I will quote from a letter received a few days since from a relative of mine, a man who knows what he is talking about, and who is well known in the city of London and in the mining market. He writes:

"There is to be a great boom when things settle down in British Columbia mines, a great many very big people have already formed syndicates, and are waiting for the turn of the tide. Some of my friends have formed syndicates, . . is at present in this country representing one of them. If you have anything which will bear investigating with well known mining experts I might do something for you. When the boom comes on, which it certainly will, you will have a big rush of adventurers with and without money." Now that it seems British Columbia is on the eve of a big mining excitement, it is to be hoped that we shall not get a bad name by a lot of rotten wild-cat schemes being put on the market and the "tenderfoot" taken in.

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THE "BAYS" SUCCESSFUL.

Defeating the Members of the Conservative Club in Their Whist Engagement.

The match whist tournament played Monday night between twelve members of the Conservative Club on the one hand and twelve from the J.B.A.A. on the other was won by the Bays, on a total of 22 games won and 14 lost. The detail score follows:

J. B. A. A.

	Won.	Lost.
C. L. Wark	4	2
A. C. Anderson		
J. H. Austin	4	2
C. E. Bailey		
R. W. Clarke	3	3
L. B. Young		
J. M. Miller	2	4
M. Hodgson		
W. J. Scott	6	0
J. K. Macrae		
A. R. Wolfenden	3	3
C. Fletcher		
Total	22	14

CONSERVETIVE CLUB.

	Won.	Lost.
F. Black	2	4
W. Hawksley		
T. A. Ker	2	4
F. Mahoney		
G. S. Williams	3	3
E. E. Wootten		
A. S. Potts	2	4
H. G. Ross		
J. A. Walkley	2	4
A. Heathorn		
T. Allson	3	3
W. D. McGregor		
Total	14	22

FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

Stocks Lower and Generally Lifeless—Gold Exports to Germany—Decrease in the World's Stock of Wheat.

New York, Dec. 8.—The following were the closing bids on the New York exchange:

Atchison	14
Canadian Pacific	55½
Canada Southern	49¼
Central Pacific	15
Delaware & Hudson	127
Denver & Rio Grande (preferred)	43½
Louisville & Nashville	50
Michigan Central	90
Missouri Pacific	21⅝
Jersey Central	103¾
Northern Pacific	14¼
" " (preferred)	23⅜
Oregon Navigation	15
Pacific Mail	25
Union Pacific	9¾
Western Union	86
Commercial Cable	165

The New York Evening Post London financial cable says: President Cleveland's message is favorably regarded here, but following the distinct lead of New York the markets were lower. There was no pressure to sell here and the close was about the lowest. Other markets were idle and depressed before the settlement which begins tomorrow. The last accounting is usually dull and featureless. Consols were ¼ lower. There is a renewal of talk of gold exports to Germany. The Bank of England rate is up to 9 per cent. The Indian government is expected to raise a sterling loan here or issue treasury bills early next year. The Paris and Berlin markets were weaker.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—May wheat opened to-day at from ⅜c. to ⅝c. below the price it closed at the day before. The opening range of the price simultaneously paid in different parts of the pit was from 80c. to 81¼c., with the bulk of transactions at the lower figure. Opening in London and Liverpool, markets were heavier in tone at somewhat reduced prices and these were the chief sources of the weak feeling which started the trading here. The fact that stocks in Europe and afloat had increased over ten million bushels last night was also a factor and the decline which started at the opening continued until May touched 79½c. Then the sentiment changed and the tone of the market gradually improved up to the time of the receipt of Bradstreet's visible supply statement which was expected to be bullish and justified such anticipations. The day's statistics also furnished some encouragement. Chicago receipts were 53 cars compared with 287 on the corresponding day of last year. Minneapolis and Duluth got 428 cars against 1,239 a year ago. The Atlantic port clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 475,000 bushels.

A telegram from St. Louis said one-fifth of all the No. 2 red wheat there had been sold in the last 24 hours. Bradstreet's figures were a total decrease in the world's stocks of 4,947,000 bushels. On receipt of that the price, which had meanwhile crept up to 80⅜c, rose to 80⅝c to 80¾c, and after a slight reaction at 80½c it took a second spurt as high as 81c. before the effect of the big reduction in the world's visible supply exhausted itself. Closing cables showed a general decline. The market, however, holds the advance well, May closing at 80¾c. to 80⅞c. Trade in provisions as usual was quiet, but prices were steady.

The following are some of the articles made in Birmingham in the course of a week: 20,000,000 pens, 300,000,000 cut nails, 100,000,000 buttons, 6,000 bedsteads, 7,000 guns, 1,000 saddles, 20,000 spectacles, 4,000 miles of wire, 350 miles of wax vestas, 6 tons of papiermache, 10 tons of pins, 5 tons of hairpins, 500 tons of nuts, 50 tons of hinges, 40 tons of refined metal, 40 tons of German silver, 800 tons of brass, 1,000 fenders, 1,000 roasting jacks, 3,500 bellows.

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THE SWAN CONDEMNED

First American Schooner Found Guilty of Illegal Sealing in a U. S. Court.

Only Two San Francisco Sealers This Year—The "Maude" Raised.

The owners of the American schooner James G. Swan have lost their case before the United States district court and will be compelled to forfeit the vessel for violating the sealing laws. The case is already a noted one, as it is the first time an American schooner has been forfeited for illegal sealing by an American court. It was shown by the testimony that on August 2, while the boats and canoes were engaged in sealing, one of the canoes, with two Indians belonging to the crew, became lost in a fog, and that the vessel, in searching for them, sailed northward towards the prohibited zone. The circumstance was given as a reason for the vessel having approached so near to the prohibited line, and it was shown by the testimony that before engaging in searching, she turned back on her course and sailed a distance of forty miles, measured by her patent log. But the witnesses who stated the fact as to the distance measured by the log on the return, gave only an estimate of conjecture as to the distance sailed towards the prohibited zone, before turning back, and the vessel was not crusing in search of her lost men at the time of the seizure, for her boats were then employed in sealing.

SEALERS READY TO SAIL.

It is probable that the sealers C. D. Rand, Mary Eilen and Casco will get away on their Coast cruises to-day. So far as is known there has been no difficulty experienced thus far in signing crews. The rate of wages seems to be received favorably and is regarded as considerably better than that given in San Francisco. A letter which Captain Byers received from that city a day or so ago mentioned that only two vessels will go seal hunting from that port this year, these being the Eppinger and Louis D. The former has already sailed and the hunters were guaranteed a fifth lay and $1.75 per skin.

THE HIPPOPOTAMUS EMERGES.

Lying in the same place, only on the surface of the water instead of below, the steamer Maude was discharging coal yesterday just as if nothing unusual had happened her of late. The scheme of raising her, referred to in yesterday's paper, proved successful, the vessel after being pumped out floating with the tide early yesterday morning.

MARINE NOTES.

Among her saloon passengers the steamship City of Puebla sailing for San Francisco last evening carried from Victoria Mrs. R. T. Swalwell and two children, Mrs. W. E. Vanstone, Wm. Clark and wife, D. Le But, C. Millard, L. Gill, Mrs. M. Guttman, Mrs. A. R. Hyams, N. F. Dalton and child, E. F. Cabb and wife, W. H. Rome and John R. Campbell.

Steamer Rainbow left for Texada Island yesterday afternoon with Mr. Blewett and party on board, who propose recommencing operations on the Van Anda gold mine.

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" Astoria ..... " " "
" Walla Walla.... " " "
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Str. Walla Walla..... " Port Townsend.
" Macduff ..... " Tacoma.

COLONIAL INSTITUTE.

What it Has Done to Arouse British Sentiment in Regard to the Colonies.

(Correspondent of the Glasgow Herald.)

In a measure the extraordinary development of the Colonial institute within the last fifteen years has been typical of the change of public opinion as regards our duty towards our colonies and our sense of their value to us as well as the action of corresponding sentiments amongst colonists. I well remember the beginnings of the Institute. Two not very imposing rooms at Charing Cross were amply sufficient for the wants of the members as regarded elbow room, whilst a certain number of maps and an imposing display of directories—not, I fancy, by any means belonging to the current year—were a sufficient literary repast. The efforts of men such as Sir Frederick Young and Mr. J. S. O'Halloran have entirely altered the complexion of affairs. A palatial building in Northumberland avenue, with a most valuable colonial library and theatre for discussions, is the rendezvous of some 4,000 members, amongst whom are comprised many of the most distinguished public men alike of the mother country and the colonies. Sir Charles Tupper often expressed his sense of the great value of the work which the Institute had accomplished and was accomplishing; whilst the Prince of Wales and leading British statesmen, notably Lord Rosebery, have borne no less emphatic testimony to its usefulness. How much of the change in public estimation of the co-relative duties and interests of Great Britain and her colonies is due to the work of the Colonial Institute it may not be possible to guage; but it can hardly be doubted that the Institute may fairly claim some of the credit of the national awakening.

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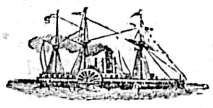

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NOTICES.

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Palo Alto Gold Mining Company, Limited Liability.

A general meeting of the shareholders of the above-named company will be held at the office of Messrs. Flint & Prossor, Broad street, Victoria, B.C., on Wednesday, the 16th December, 1896, at 4:30 p.m. sharp, to authorize the trustees to deal with the vendors shares held by the trustees for development purposes, in such manner as they may think fit, in order to raise further money for the development of the mine.

Dated 7th December, 1896.

By order of the Trustees.

C. DUBOIS MASON,
de8-td Secretary.

NOTICE.

A special meeting of the shareholders of the British Columbia Coal, Petroleum & Mineral Company Limited Liability, will be held at the company's office, 45 Fort street, Victoria, on Monday, the 4th day of January, 1897, at 12 o'clock noon, to pass a resolution authorizing the company to dispose of the whole of its assets on terms then to be agreed upon.

Dated December 2nd, 1896.

F. B. PEMBERTON,
de3-1m Secretary.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

In the Matter of the Official Administrators Act and in the Matter of the Estate of Maggie Burke, Deceased Intestate.

Notice is hereby given that by an order of the Honourable Mr. Justice Walkem, bearing date the 4th day of December, 1896, I was appointed Administrator of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of the above-named deceased.

Persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased are requested to send me particulars thereof on or before the 31st day of December, A.D. 1896, and all persons indebted to said deceased are required to pay such indebtedness to me forthwith.

W. MONTEITH,
de8-6t Official Administrator.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Dominion Parliament at its next sitting for a private bill to incorporate a Company for the purpose of constructing, equipping, maintaining, and operating a railway from a point on the south boundary line of British Columbia, between the 134th and 136th degrees of Longitude, at the head of Lynn Canal, and thence northerly and westerly by the most feasible route to the north boundary line of British Columbia, with power to construct, maintain, and operate branch lines and all necessary bridges, ferries, and wharves, and to construct, own, and operate telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway and branches, and to build, own, and operate steam and other vessels, to take and use water for generating electricity and other purposes, and to acquire foreshore rights and lands for the right of way, station grounds, and other necessities, and to acquire lands and other bonuses or aids from the Government of Canada and British Columbia, or from any municipality, corporation, or person, to aid in the construction of the said railway, and make traffic and other arrangements with other railway companies or persons, and for all other usual and necessary powers and privileges, and also for power to levy a royalty on all precious metals passing outwards over the said road when constructed.

Dated at the City of Victoria, British Columbia, this 19th day of August, 1896.

DRAKE JACKSON & HELMCKEN,
Victoria, B. C. Solicitors for Applicants.
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NOTICE.

A meeting of the shareholders of the Island Mountain Quartz Mining & Milling Company (Limited Liability) will be held at the Board of Trade Rooms, Victoria, B.C., on Monday, 28th day of December, 1896, at 11 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of sanctioning and confirming an agreement with a company called The Island Mountain Gold Mines (Limited) of London, England, and of authorizing the Trustees to convey and transfer to the said Company all the properties, leases and assets of every kind of the Island Mountain Quartz Mining & Milling Company (Limited Liability), and also to sanction an agreement as to the distribution of stock set forth in a letter addressed by the President of the Island Mountain Quartz Mining & Milling Company (Limited Liability), to the Directors of the Island Mountain Gold Mines (Limited) dated July 27th, 1896.

T. LUBBE, Secretary.
Victoria, 23rd November, 1896. no25-4w

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at the next session thereof for an Act to incorporate a religious body to be called and known as "The Holiness Movement (or Church)," and to authorize such corporation to meet and adopt, frame or repeal constitutions, and to make regulations for enforcing discipline in said Church, and to empower said corporation to acquire, receive and take conveyances of such lands, moneys, mortgages, securities or other property as may be required for the purposes of a chapel or chapels, college or colleges, school or schools, or other educational purposes connected with the said Church, and for the purpose of a printing and publishing house or houses in connection with the said Church, and for power to undertake and carry on such business of printing and publishing, and for authority and power to endow and support such chapels, colleges and schools, and such printing and publishing house or houses and a book depository or depositories in connection therewith, and to take and receive the benefit of any gift or devise by will or otherwise in its said corporate name or otherwise, and to give said Church all necessary powers connected therewith.

BRADLEY & WILD,
Solicitors for Applicants.

Dated at Ottawa, this 16th day of November, A.D. 1896. no25-1taw-9t

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next session for an act to incorporate a company with power to construct, equip, operate and maintain, either standard or narrow gauge railways, for the purpose of conveying passengers, freight and ore from a point at or near Revelstoke, on the Canadian Pacific railroad, thence northwards following the valley of the Columbia river to a point at or near the junction of Canoe river; and with power to construct, equip, operate and maintain branch lines and all necessary bridges, roads, ways, ferries, wharves, docks, and coal bunkers; and with power to build, own, equip, operate and maintain steam and other vessels and boats; and with power to build, equip, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railways and branches, and to generate electricity for the supply of light, heat and power, and with power to expropriate lands for the purposes of the company, and to acquire lands, bonuses, privileges or other aids from any government, municipality, or other persons or bodies corporate, and to make traffic or other arrangements with railway, steamboat, or other companies; and with power to build wagon roads to be used in construction of such railways, and in advance of the same, and to levy and collect tolls from all parties using and on all freight passing over any such roads built by the company, whether built before or after the passage of the act hereby applied for, and with all other usual, necessary, or incidental rights, powers or privileges as may be necessary or incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects, or any of them.

Dated at the city of Victoria this 28th day of October, A.D. 1896.

HUNTER & DUFF,
oc30-6w Solicitors for the Applicants.

NOTICE—I hereby give notice that I intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the city of Victoria, at his next sitting, for a transfer to Elizabeth Payne of the license now held by Elizabeth Martin, deceased, to sell spirituous and fermented liquors by retail upon the premises known as the Grove Saloon, corner of Frederick and Catherine streets, Victoria West, in the city of Victoria.

ELIZABETH PAYNE,
Executrix of Elizabeth Martin.
Victoria, November 4th, 1896. no5

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CYCLERS AND CYCLING.

Hard Riding Makes Muscle and Hurts No One.

SOME CASES CITED IN PROOF.

Scorching as a Crime—Money Considerations at Racing Meets—Cyclers Take to Soft Drinks—Spills Accounted For—Tireless Inventors.

It is a pity that the old fogies who rail at cycling and talk of its debilitating effects upon the human body have not a chance to see, feel and examine the splendid muscular tissue developed by W. E. Becker, America's five mile champion. Instead of being pulled down by the hard course of training to which he subjected himself previous to the national meet, his health improved daily, and by the time he got into proper racing form he was as tough as a pine knot.

As an instance of the way vigorous cycling affects an old man take the case of Wayne H. Parsons of Watertown, N. Y. Sixty-four years of age, white haired and slight of build, he is nevertheless one of the most active wheelmen in the state. During the past year he has traveled more than 3,000 miles, and he thinks nothing of wheeling 70 or 80 miles a day, and yet he is the very picture of health.

Nor is it always the man who leads nowadays. There are lady riders who can make men gasp, grow faint and turn pale trying to keep in sight of their fluttering skirts. During the past few weeks the fame of that wonderful little Denver wheelwoman, Mrs. A. E. Rhinehart, has spread all over the land. Her remarkable feats of long distance riding have not in any way impaired her physical condition, as would be apparent to any one who could see her on some summer evening after a long day's ride gracefully tripping through the "Oxford Minuet," her favorite dance.

As a matter of fact, the rational rider, however assiduously he may apply himself to his work, will run no risk of bodily injury. It is the breakneck scorcher, bending low over his handle bar, who indents his chest and invites consumption, and the reckless coaster who incumbers the hillside with his remains.

Coasting, however, has this to its credit—it rarely entails any more serious consequence than the annihilation of the coaster, whereas scorching, as distinguished from fast riding, is a crime to be placed in the same class with reckless driving of horses, notwithstanding the liability of accident is less. Any person who will purposely make his escape after knocking down another person while riding is a coward, deserving the contempt of all decent people. Although a scorcher is difficult to apprehend, the police ought to quite as stringently enforce the ordinances against fast bicycle riding as they do the same regulation about fast driving.

Race meet promoters in all sections of the country have been anxious to secure

W. E. BECKER.

the crack racing men to ride at their respective meets, and the rivalry thus created has provided good opportunities for famous professionals and well known amateur riders to negotiate with race meet managers for a money consideration to ride in different towns. This practice, which has proved detrimental to racing interests, was followed throughout the circuit with the result that the well known racing men reaped a snug bonus for riding in different towns, while the racing board of the L. A. W. has been overrun with complaints. While race meet promoters who claimed that they were fleeced through such practices complained, they refused to furnish the racing board with evidence of such transactions, so the racing officials took the precaution to issue a warning to all riders protesting against the practice and threatening punishment for any future violations. It is said that three or four riders on the national circuit this year exacted fees ranging from $50 to $100 from clubs for riding at their meets, and that they also compelled the organization under whose auspices the races were run to pay their traveling and hotel expenses. That such extortion operates to the general detriment of the sport is a fact well recognized by every official, and it is gratifying to know that there is to be no more of it.

It is said that of all lines of trade that have been benefited by the wheel, the "soft drinks" business has reaped the richest profit. In reference to this a druggist whose establishment is on a busy boulevard in the suburbs of a large city said:

"To have from 300 to 400 wheelmen stop at my place on a summer afternoon is by no means unusual, and I am only one of many. The business in this line has grown so that there are a number of first class places established along this roadway which make a specialty of selling nothing but soft drinks."

Mention is frequently made of the unwonted number of spills that have occurred this year on local tracks. These accidents are usually attributed to improper banking of the tracks, and, while this is a fruitful cause of mishaps, they are often brought about by other means. It may be remembered that in the races among the cracks, where fast time is nearly always the result, smash ups are scarce. The inference is that most of the mishaps in a bicycle race are due to the inexperience of the riders. In nine cases out of ten spills are most frequent in novice races. Fortunately accidents to bicycle riders this year have not proved fatal except in one instance.

The inventors are evidently taking no sleep. No sooner has a novel cycling notion entered the head of the experimenter than away goes his application for a patent. Five hundred applications for patents for inventions relative to the bicycle are received at the patent office every month. Up to date over 100 different ideas in toe clips alone have been submitted.

HENRY E. DIXEY.

An Actor Who Occupies a Unique Position on the American Stage.

The average actor is always looking forward to the time when he will make a pronounced hit in a play which will have a protracted run in New York city, and yet there is scarcely anything that could be more calamitous to the player who expects to remain in the harness until old age renders him unfit for further effort. There are many living illustrations of the truth of this statement, but none better than Henry E. Dixey. "Adonis" caused his phenomenal rise in the theatrical world, and it is the memory of his marvelous success in that skit which has acted as a heavy handicap ever since. If Dixey were a man of no ability who had happened to find a part which practically made a hit for him, it would not so much matter. He

HENRY E. DIXEY.

is, however, an actor of wonderful cleverness in several lines of work, and there is probably no man in the United States today who so greatly regrets that "Adonis" was written as Mr. Dixey himself.

Since the time of "Adonis," Dixey and his admirers have been constantly on the lookout for something equally good. They think they have been unable to find it, but are mistaken in that respect. There are scores of farce comedies banging around in the seventh class circuits which have more to recommend them than did "Adonis." The latter, however, was a sort of pioneer. It was the forerunner of a form of entertainment which later exercised a powerful fascination for a large portion of the American theater going public, and for that reason it was extraordinarily successful. Dixey happened to be the man to demonstrate its possibilities; that was all.

If he had started out in a very fine light comedy or high grade farce, the temporary result would have been the same, while the ultimate effect would have been decidedly better from his standpoint. Dixey has done some magnificent work within the last two years in the companies of Augustin Daly and other managers, but a man who has seen statuettes of himself sold all over the country is not apt to be satisfied to be a member of a conservative stock company, and Dixey, they do say, will never pass for a second edition of Job. He has now joined an organization presenting a tried farce comedy success, in which he will be featured or starred. This ought to prove his opportunity to bring the fickle public once more to his feet. There are thousands who believe that he will succeed, but whether the measure of success possible under such circumstances will satisfy the idol of a few years ago remains to be seen. There are those who predict that if Dixey will but possess his soul in patience he might easily rise to a position on our stage as eminent as that now occupied by Nat Goodwin and William H. Crane. His remarkably agreeable presence and voice give him a preliminary equipment possessed by neither of those two gentlemen.

Sousa's First Compositions.

The price which the famous composer and bandmaster John Philip Sousa received for his first five compositions was $35 each. The first summer Sousa was at Manhattan Beach he was approached by Church of Cincinnati, who desired an arrangement with him by which he should become his future publisher. Sousa was satisfied, and so at first refused to discuss the subject. "Well," said Church, "will you take an offer?" "Well," said Sousa, "you can make an offer. There's no need of my accepting it." "Well," said Church, "I'll give you $200 for each march and 15 per cent of the net proceeds of the sale."

The composer was dumfounded. He wrote to the publisher of his former compositions, who immediately duplicated the offer of the Cincinnati man, but afterward withdrew it. Sousa then accepted the terms of Church, and has worked with him since.

For the "Washington Post," probably the most popular thing he ever wrote up to within two or three years, he received $35. Hundreds of thousands of copies—a million—have been sold. Under the new arrangement, say, for the "Liberty Bell," he is already in receipt of $28,000. That's the difference. And the "Cotton King" march, which is only one year old, has already netted him over $20,000. In fact, Sousa can count on an income of $25,000 a year from the publication of one march every twelvemonth. Quite a difference, isn't it, from $35? Yet had he staid in Washington he would have been satisfied with a government salary and $35 a year.

Malibran and the High Note.

Nella Bergen, the new prima donna of De Wolf Hopper, is handsome, young and blond. She has also a well trained soprano voice of great range, which she uses like an artist.

"I arrive at my results by hard work," said she quite simply when congratulated upon her success. "I think the greatest artists are workers. I always remember the story Legouve tells of Malibran. It appears that one night a swell complimented the diva on a remarkably high note she reached.

"'I worked hard enough for that high note,' answered Malibran. 'I chased it for a month. I pursued it everywhere—when I was dressing, when I was doing my hair. At last, this morning, I found it in the toe of a shoe I was putting on.'"

Barnet's Alleged Epigrams.

R. A. Barnet, the clever author of "1492," "Excelsior, Jr.," "Tabasco" and other excellent burlesques, has turned epigrammatic in his latest effort, "Jack and the Beanstalk." In fact, he laughingly states that the audience will have to resort to blue glasses on Nov. 2, when the piece will receive its first production at the Casino, so as not to be dazzled by the iridescent gems of thought that will fairly ooze from the various characters. "The woman on the silver dollar can't be an actress," says one of them, "because she isn't worth as much as she thinks she is." Jack sententiously observes, "It doesn't follow that the more rubs the stage villain gets the more polished he is."

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NOTICE.

Assessment Act.

Notice is hereby given that the Court of Revision and Appeal will sit as follows:—

For the Electoral Districts of Victoria City and Cassiar:—At 46 Langley street, in the City of Victoria, on Monday the 28th and Tuesday the 29th days of December, 1896, at 11 o'clock a.m.

For the Electoral District of South Victoria:—At the Royal Oak on Saturday, the 19th day of December, 1896, at 11:30 o'clock a.m., and at John Camp's, South Saanich, on Saturday the 26th day of December, 1896, at 12 o'clock noon.

For that portion of North Victoria Electoral District known as North Saanich:—On Saturday, the 12th day of December, 1896, at the Sidney Hotel, Sidney, at 12 o'clock noon.

For the Electoral District of Esquimalt:—On Friday, the 18th day of December, 1896, at Henry Price's, Parson's Bridge, at 11 o'clock a.m.

For that portion of the Electoral Districts of Comox and Cassiar known as the Coast, Rupert, Sayward and Quatsino Land Districts:—At 46 Langley street, Victoria, on Monday the 21st day of December, 1896, at 11 o'clock a.m.

For that portion of the Cowichan-Alberni Electoral District known as Barclay and Clayoquot Land Districts:—At Langley street, Victoria, on Tuesday, the 22nd day of December, 1896, at 11 o'clock a.m.

Dated at Victoria, this 24th day of November, 1896.

S. PERRY MILLS,
Judge of the Court of Revision and Appeal.
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Estate of William Gibson, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Alonzo S. Taylor, of Everett, State of Washington, U.S., by order of the Hon. Mr. Justice Walkem, has been appointed to administer, within the Province of British Columbia, the estate of the above-named deceased, who died at Monte Cristo, Snohomish County, State of Washington, on the 22nd day of December, 1895.

All debts owing to the said estate are to be paid, and all claims against the said estate are to be presented duly verified, to the undersigned.

Dated this 24th day of November, 1896.

SAMUEL D. SCHULTZ,
49 Langley street, Victoria, B.C.,
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5 a.m..	50·		
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1 p.m.	52·		1 p.m.—Calm.
5 p.m..	46·	Lowest 43	9 p.m.—Calm.
9 p.m..	43·		Rain—0.23.

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E. BAYNES REED, Observer.

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KYNASTON-BLACKMAN—December 8th, in Christ church Cathedral, by the Rector, the Rev. Canon Beanlands, Wilfred Kynaston, of "Ashling," Victoria, and of Croydon, Eng., to Annie L. Blackman, second daughter of the late Rev. T. Willoughby Blackman, D.C.L., Rector of Catmore, Wantage, Eng.

DIED.

MOFFAT—On Monday evening at 7 o'clock, at residence of her parents, No. 24 San Juan avenue, James Bay, Mary Jane Moffat, only child of Thos. Moffat, aged 2 years and four months.

Funeral takes place TO-DAY (Wednesday) at 2:30 p.m., from the residence as above. Friends will please accept this intimation.

See **BRADBURY** For Monuments of every description. Cormorant street, one block above City Hall.

THE object of the Aberdeen Association, a branch of which has recently been established in this city, is to send a supply of religious and secular literature monthly to those living in the country who are unable to procure reading matter for themselves. The association is undenominational. Members of the committee will be thankful for gifts of old or new magazines in sets or odd numbers, illustrated or other weekly papers, books for children and adults, etc. Application for the supply of literature may be made to the committee: Mrs. J. H. Turner, president; Mrs. McKilligan, vice-president; Mrs. J. W. Church, secretary; Miss Finlayson, treasurer; Mrs. Crompton, Mrs. H. Carmichael, Miss Newton, Miss Galley, Miss Davie, Miss Gertie Loewen, Miss Hall and Miss Kittie Davie. x

GENERAL ARBITRATION TREATY.

U. S. Secretary Olney on the Foreign Relations of the Republic—Russia, Hawaii and Samoa.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Touching the negotiations for a general arbitration treaty for the settlement of all future disputes between the United States and Great Britain, U. S. Secretary Olney in his report says that both countries having given repeated proofs of their acquiescence in the great principle involved, not only by treaty between themselves, but severally by concluding like adjustments with other powers for the adjudication of disputes resting on law and fact, the subject was naturally approached in a benevolent spirit of agreement, and the negotiations have so satisfactorily progressed as to foreshadow a practical agreement at an early date upon the text of a convention to the desired end. The secretary expresses regret that the British government has refused its concurrence in a proposed international commission to devise means to protect the seal herds; recites the findings of the experts in effect showing that the herd is threatened with total destruction unless changes are made speedily in the award regulations, and hopes that the experts' report will induce the British government to agree upon these changes.

Under the head of Germany, the report treats briefly of the exclusion from that country of American meat products. The situation apparently remains unchanged, as there has been no amelioration of the stringent measures adopted by Germany, "on assumed grounds of public health," against our cattle.

"On the contrary," says the Secretary, "the disposition of Germany, visible for a number of years past, to still further impede and virtually inhibit this legitimate traffic, is evidenced by fresh restrictive measures. The unjustifiability and the erroneousness of the premises on which they rest have been again pointed out and the healthfulness of our exports supported by conclusive proof."

The secretary says there are fair prospects of the ultimate removal of the indiction upon American life insurance companies seeking to do business in Germany.

The subject of the reimposition of tonnage dues on German vessels is discussed compactly, to show that the law was mandatory upon the President to issue his proclamation, as soon as the facts were established.

Hawaii comes in for a single short paragraph in the report, stating that no questions of importance have arisen, that a few claims for indemnity have been filed in behalf of United States citizens arrested during the last rebellion, and that the final chapter in the history of that attempted revolt was reached in the pardon of the ex-Queen.

Samoa is also briefly treated, the situation being unchanged and the United States necessarily continuing to exercise all stipulated rights and duties under the tripartite general act of Berlin during the continuance of the compact, however irksome and unnatural these rights and duties may prove to be.

It is indicated that the United States will appoint a successor to Chief Justice Ide, who resigned.

An explanation of the difficulties that arise in connection with the effort to protect United States naturalized citizens, usually Jews who return to Russia, is afforded by the following paragraph:

"Holding to the old doctrine of perpetual allegiance, refusing to lessen its authority by concluding any treaty recognizing the naturalization of a Russian subject without prior imperial consent; asserting the extreme right to punish a naturalized Russian on return to his native jurisdiction, not merely for unauthorized emigration, but also specifically for the unpermitted acquisition of a foreign citizanship; and sedulously applying, at home and through the official acts of its agents abroad, to all persons of the Jewish belief the stern restrictions enjoined by Russian law, the government of Russia takes a ground not admitting of acquiescence by the United States, because at variance with the character of our institutions, the sentiments of our people, the provisions of our statutes and the tendencies of modern international comity."

Nevertheless, the secretary says, the differences that arise are compromised in worthy cases by the friendly disposition of Russia toward our country and people.

EXCURSION TRAFFIC.

The Northern Pacific and Great Northern Will Inaugurate Close Competition With the C. P. R.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—The chairman of the Western Passenger Association today granted permission to the Northern Pacific and Great Northern to meet the competition of the C. P. and Soo line on excursions from points in the Northwest to New England.

Earthquake in Mexico.

MEXICO, Dec. 8.—A heavy earthquake occurred to-day at various Pacific ports of this republic, the first shock coming at 9:30 a.m., and the second an up-and-down and very alarming one. No casulties are reported. Col. Antonio Mercenario has been elected governor of Guerrero.

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MACEO'S LAST FIGHT.

He has Outmanœuvred General Weyler—The Famous Trocha Really Crossed.

Gomez Pushing Forward—The Insurgents Jubilant—Spanish Victory—Maceo Killed.

HAVANA, Dec. 8.—There was much excitement here when it became known that General Maceo had crossed the military line with, it is understood, a strong force of insurgents, especially when coupled with the fighting between Spanish troops and insurgents close to the city. It seems evident that the insurgent commander has not only clearly turned the flank of Captain-General Weyler, but has succeeded in getting on his rear and crossing the famous military line near the port which has been used as a base of supply for the Spanish troops in Pinar del Rio. The importance of this movement cannot be exaggerated. The exact whereabouts of General Weyler is not known, but he is believed to be hunting for Maceo in the mountains in the extreme eastern part of Pinar del Rio, while the insurgent chief has seemingly doubled on his tracks, turned the flank of the Spanish general and passed in his rear in the direction of this city, crossing the military line at will, and possibly being by this time in the vicinity of the capital of Cuba. If Maximo Gomez has carried out the plan attributed to him, that of pushing westward to the support of Maceo, a junction of the two main bodies of the insurgents may be expected shortly.

Nothing appears to be known of the strength of the insurgent forces with Antonio Maceo in this province. In fact while the news was being passed from person to person in the streets, the authorities would only give a half-hearted admission to the truth of the rumor that Maceo had crossed the military line. This, it is believed, will alter the whole situation, and important events may occur within a short time.

There is no doubt that the insurgents have recently increased in numbers about the capital. The bands of twenty to thirty bandits met by the Spanish troops have now swollen the insurgent forces of 20,000 to 40,000. It seems to be believed that Maceo will strike before General Weyler can hurry back from Pinar del Rio. Indeed, it is currently reported that the captain-general was wounded in an engagement with the insurgents before the latter crossed the military lines and may not be able to return here except as a prisoner of the Cubans. The authorities naturally are doing all in their power to minimize the crossing of the trocha by Maceo and intimate that he is, as usual, according to the Spanish stories, running away from them.

This does not alter the fact that he has escaped the hunter, and that the hunter may experience difficulty in getting home. Friends of the insurgents are overjoyed at the new turn taken in the campaign, and are boasting that Maceo and Gomez will soon be knocking at the gates of Havana. To this the Spanish officials simply say: "Wait and see; the end is not yet." There is no denying, however, that the supporters of Spain here to-day are looking much crestfallen and discouraged. Even a defeat at the hands of the insurgents, it is admitted, would have been better than the humiliation which the Spanish troops have suffered in being so skillfully out-manœuvred by the insurgents.

General Fugeria yesterday left the plantation of Santa Emilia, in the province of Havana, moving in the direction of Planto. He met the advance guard of an insurgent army at Rio Honda, opened fire on it and later captured the heights of Morales and Volcano, where, however, the troops met a force of 4,000 insurgents awaiting them. They promptly attacked the Spanish troops, but were repulsed by a brilliant charge of the Spanish cavalry. The insurgents were dislodged after 39 shells had been fired into their camp and 60 men killed. Of the Spanish, one lieutenant-colonel and one lieutenant and 24 privates wounded. Major Cierrujodo being informed that a strong force of insurgents was near Punta Brava, and hearing the sound of firing in that direction, moved his column towards Quegasti and Havy Colorado, where the enemy was also reported to be in force. Passing a range of mountains, the Spanish commander went in the direction of San Pedro and there found a body of about 2,000 insurgents occupying a strong position behind stone walls. The troops dislodged the insurgents, but night approaching the column returned to Punta Brava. The insurgents had 40 men killed and left many horses on the field. The troops lost three men.

The authorities now permit the publication of Major Cirujada's report of the engagement with Maceo on December 4, when he forced the trocha. It was a fearful combat, which is the first official admission that Maceo brought with him across the trocha a considerably equipped following and fought a hot engagement to effect his passage. After the Cubans had passed into Havana province the Spanish commander executed a fresh concentration in that province and awaited the arrival of Maceo. He had received confidential information of the proposed movements of the Cubans and arranged his forces accordingly. He had, in addition, received a detailed description of the horse which Maceo was to ride, as well as of caparisons.

The expected battle occurred yesterday, but no details of the engagement are given for publication here. After the fight the Spanish troops made a reconnoisance of the ground previously held by the Cubans. Here was found the two corpses lying together, and, indeed, almost locked in the embrace of death. One body was that of a mulatto, a stout man, with gray, crispy, curly hair, and the other that of a slender dark-haired youth. Both men were dressed in white linen duck suits. When the linen was removed from the corpse of the elder of the two it was found to have underneath it a fine undershirt with the initials "A.M." on it. The pair of black silk socks on the body contained the same initials, worked in red ink. There was a gold ring on the finger, containing on the inner rim the ingraved inscription "Antonio Y. Maria."

A revolver with an ivory handle and marked, together with a small gold-mounted telescope, were also found on the body. The head of the younger man's body was resting upon the body of the first. There was found on it a silver watch, an ammunition bag and several handkerchiefs bearing the initials "F. G." Among the papers a letter was found written in the somewhat crabbed hand writing of an aged man. This letter bore the signature of M. Gomez. It is stated in addition to the above that there was found on the younger body a letter written in pencil, saying he dies rather than abandon the corpse of his general, Maceo.

Such are the details of the identification on which the Spanish officers rely for their firmly expressed conviction that Antonio Maceo has met his end. No news has been received since the outbreak of the insurrection that has caused so great a sensation in Havana or has been deemed so encouraging to the Spanish cause.

The diary of Maceo's operations found with the dead body, in addition to the details already stated, says Maceo had been wounded before crossing the trocha in a skirmish at Vejeranom on December 3. After crossing the trocha on December 4 he joined the local Havana bands of the insurgents.

PERSONAL.

B. Springer came over from Vancouver last evening.

E. P. Davis, of Vancouver, is a guest at the Wilson.

Thos. E. Kitchen, M.P.P., is a guest at the Oriental.

Rev. A. B. Winchester is home from the Mainland.

A. J. Johnson, Astoria, and D. F. Davis are at the New England.

E. Fletcher, Post Office Inspector, arrived down from the Mainland yesterday.

N. P. Snowden and wife were passengers inwards by the Charmer last night.

The Hon. Victor and Mrs. Stanley left this morning for their future home in England.

Hon. Justice McColl is a guest at the Driard, and Hon. Justice McCreight at the Oriental.

Mrs. P. C. Dunlevy and family, of Soda Creek, were passengers to this city by the Charmer last night.

Geo. McL. Brown, of Vancouver, was in the city yesterday, having arrived on the Empress of China Monday night.

Barristers L. G. McPhillips, Q. C., Charles Wilson, E. P. Davies and D. G. Macdonnell are over from the Mainland on legal business.

H. F. Langton, for some time past a member of the staff here of the Bank of British Columbia, leaves this morning for Nelson, having been transferred to the agency there.

Fred. M. Wells, Rossland; H. E. Forster, Kamloops; R. Elliot Blake, Mexico; F. Buscombe: Vancouver; T. B. Moody, Chicago; Theodore Haddon, W. J. Ross, Barclay Borthrow and wife, Johannesburg, L. A. N.; and R. A. Wyllie, Hamilton, are guests at the Driard.

Francis H. Jones and S. Williams, Westholme; W. S. Pelton, Tacoma; Fred Roberts, Defuca, Wash.; Charles Walsh, wife and daughter, Winnipeg; W. H. Begley, Calgary; R. D. McClure and Miss E. A. Roberts, Saanich; A. L. Ryals, Vancouver; C. Bazett, Duncan; and Mr. and Mrs. James McLauchlin, Vancouver, are all registered at the Occidental.

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